

FRIENDLY NEWSCASTER

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We are gathered together as a family of faith to share God's love by: Inviting and welcoming all people of God's creation. Worshiping and praising God. Teaching and preaching the Good News. Caring for the needs of one another, the community, and the world.

January 2025 Newscaster

Turning Points

In the calendar year, it's January. It's 2025. The new calendar year is a turning point that reminds us to consider the blessings and losses of the past, and the hopes and challenges of walking faithfully into the future. So we might pray with Howard Thurman (A Prayer for The New Year from Meditations of The Heart):

“God,

Grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart. There will be much to test me and make weak my strength before the year ends.

In my confusion I shall often say the word that is not true and do the thing of which I am ashamed.

There will be errors in the mind and great inaccuracies of judgment. In seeking the light, I shall again and again find myself walking in the darkness.

I shall mistake my light for Your light and I shall drink from the responsibility of the choice I make...

Though my days be marked with failures, stumblings, fallings, let my spirit be free so that You may take it and redeem my moments in all the ways my needs reveal.

Give me the quiet assurance of Your Love and Presence.

Grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart. Amen”

In the church year, we begin in the middle of the twelve-day season of Christmas, the celebration of God being born and living as a human being with a mortal body just like ours. Then we turn to

Epiphany, and to the season after Epiphany. Epiphany is on January 6. An epiphany is a revealing, a manifestation, a sudden knowing. Epiphany comes from two Greek words that translate as “the light shows forth” or “the light comes to.” In other words, Epiphany is when we momentarily see the light of God shining through our lives.

We might have an epiphany, a dazzling experience of God, in a way that's predictable and expected—at worship, at a church camp, through a friend of deep faith—but we might have an epiphany down by a river or at a wedding reception or some other unexpected way. For example, the Magi or Persian astrologers come to Jesus in a way that is outside the norm, beyond conventional understanding, outside the formulas for church growth and evangelism. Epiphany reminds us that God is available to all and is found along unexpected paths, including paths that we wouldn't have taken or that make us uncomfortable.

All of the scripture stories and texts we hear in worship this month are epiphanies. These epiphanies don't just bedazzle; they are turning points that invite us to live differently, to see differently, to further open ourselves to God's holy presence. So this month we'll be invited to slow ourselves, to quiet ourselves, to open ourselves, to set aside expectations, to be curious, to walk, to listen, to watch, to observe, to ask questions, to wonder, to see with depth, to seek the aliveness that comes from God, and turns our lives in new directions.

Peace, *Pastor Dave*

Worship Helpers, January 2025

Date	Acolyte	Streaming; Sound	PowerPoint Projection	Read Scripture	Greeter	Head Usher	Communion Preparation
Jan 5	Josh B.	Chip H. Terry M.	Holden G.	Sharon S.			na
Jan 12	Holden G.	Chip H. Terry M.	Luke M.	Darlene H.			na
Jan 19	Emily H.	Chip H. Terry M.	Josh B.	Meredith H.			na
Jan 26	Grant H.	Chip H. Terry M.	Holden G.	Tom H.			TBD

Events & Announcements

Food Pantry Shopping Cart requested for this month: Hamburger Helper & Pasta Sides

Donations Needed: During the month of January, we will be collecting items for hygiene kits for the Spring Grove School District. 15 unisex deodorants and 35 bottles of shampoo are needed by Sunday Jan. 26. Please see Maryann if you have any questions. Thank you!

Consistory 2024 Highlights: We had a memorable year with several notable events. We experienced a busy weekend celebrating the 40th anniversary of the dedication of our church building to God combined with hosting a Community Block Party. Several outdoor worship services with picnic lunches were held under the ever-expanding branches of our “Princess Tree” and we celebrated birthdays the first Sunday of the month with fellowship and snacks following worship. The Spring Grove Alumni Chorus and our Trombone friends were with us providing service music. Youth workcamp, VBS, a ramp-build, drive-thru Nativity, soup sales, and the creation of a Heritage Grove and gathering area engaged many individuals. Various service projects providing food and health care items were once again supporting those in need.

Many of those activities had expenses that were partially or totally covered by disbursements from our Special Gifts Funds. Our daily operating expenses, salaries, utilities, and work of our committees are covered through your weekly/monthly giving. This year, in particular, we’ve seen a large increase, beyond what we originally budgeted, in some of those expenses. Our total giving has not kept pace with these expense increases and so we’ve experienced a decrease in our Current Fund. Please make every effort possible to do what you can toward the goal of meeting our 2025 budget while maintaining the strong outreach support of which we are so grateful.

Our Daily Bread: We will be preparing a meal for Our Daily Bread on Jan. 30. We will make tuna salad on Wed. Jan. 29 at 1:30. They would like sheet cakes for dessert. They can be bought to the church till 8 pm on the 29th or any time and put in the freezer. All help will be appreciated. If you have any questions see Maryann.

Exploring Membership Sessions: Our Exploring Membership sessions are informal opportunities for our congregation’s friends and guests to meet a handful of our leaders and learn about the life and mission of the church. One session will be on Sunday, January 5 at 9:00 am. Or perhaps Sunday, January 12 at 11:30 am would be a better date and time for you. The sessions will be in a classroom at the end of the classroom hall and last about 50 minutes.

Our January Birthdays: Our January birthdays include the following: (7) Daniel Fake, (13) McKenna Mercer, (19) Jacquie Church-Young and Sara Bare, (20) Patrice Joseph and Katharyn Young, (24) Cathy Bollinger, (25) Andrew Leonard, (26) Jordana Hartman and Adalyn Ripple, (27) Darcey Hull.

Sunday Morning Intergenerational Faith Discussions

Join us at 9:00 am on Sundays to reflect on the fundamentals of our faith. We'll be using a video-based resource called Animate Bible. It's a resource designed to put you on the edge of your seats. Come and join the conversation!

Canon | Mining for the Word | Eric Elnes (1/12 & 19)

History | Parchment to Pixel | Phyllis Tickle (1/26 & 2/2)

Testaments | One Story, Two Parts | Rachel Held Evans (2/9 & 16)

Gospels | Unexpected Good News | Nadia Bolz-Weber (2/23 & 3/2)

Genre | Rhythm of The Text | Jose Morales (3/9 & 16)

Interpretation | Scripture Reads US | Will Willimon (3/23 & 30)

Grace | Love Is the Bottom Line | Jay Bakker (4/6 & 13)

Upcoming Fellowship Events

January 5: First Sunday of the month fellowship and recognizing January birthdays will be held after our 10:15 am worship service.

January 11, 6:00 pm: Winter Banquet and dessert auction. On a cold winter evening in our Fellowship Hall, we'll enjoy different kinds of pasta, bread, and salads from Genova's, and then have a dessert auction to support our youth ministry. So along with your appetite, plan to bring a favorite dessert item or two and a willingness to bid. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Preschoolers and younger are free. To help us prepare, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or purchase tickets from Karen Baum, Jen Miller, or Sue Miller.



Thank You

Thank you to Darlene Hoover for putting together Christmas stockings for our shut-ins.

Thanks to all those who went caroling to our shut-ins and at Providence Place.

Thanks to Cindy and Terry Gruver, and Dede Klinedinst for adding decorations to our church each week through the season of Advent.

Thanks to Joy Gobrecht for leading our Sonshine Singers.

Thanks to Joy Gobrecht for directing our Drive-Through Nativity, and for Emily Ramsay for her help with recordings.

Thanks to all who assisted with the service and lunch in memory and celebration of Linda Herman's life.

Thanks to Jim Kain for arranging all the music for our 25 St. Paul's Players for our December 29 worship service.

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits for my 88th Birthday and my recuperation and recovery. Special thanks to Pastor Dave for all his visits. Peace, Bob Brenneman

Monthly Mission Offering: Safe Communities

The mission of Safe Communities is to **Educate** adults about how to keep children safe from sexual abuse; **Engage** organizations, institutions, and congregations in developing cultures that prioritize abuse prevention through best practices, policies, and training; **Empower** adult survivors through new models of healing, including education, trauma-informed groups, and peer-based learning.



Dear Friends,

As we greet the New Year and make our New Year's resolutions whether we write them down or just think about them most of us can't resist the opportunity for new beginnings. Poverty is listed as one of the health issues for January. Perhaps we can each think about what we can do as individuals about one of our country's leading problems, which is poverty. Based on 2017 numbers from the World Bank, a little bit less than 700 million people were living on less than \$2.15 a day, which is the new international poverty line as of the fall 2022. And while the number has declined since 1990, it is still too high.



In the United States the official poverty rate was 11.4 percent in 2020 (The pre-pandemic rate in 2019 was 10.5 percent) The good news is that with 2020 being the exception we've seen an annual decline to the U.S. poverty rates five years in a row. However, there are still about 37million people living in poverty in the United States. In this article I found, here are powerful poverty quotes from leaders and activists leading charges.



“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.” ---Nelson Mandela

“Hunger is not an issue of charity. It is an issue of justice.” ----Jacques Diouf

“The Bible insists that the best test if a nation’s righteousness is how it treats the poorest and most vulnerable in its midst”—Jim Wallis

“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them in the form of bread”—Mahatma Gandhi

“In this great country of ours, it is inexcusable that so many children grow up in poverty and despair. The well-being of our children must be the national priority and the responsibility of every individual.”—Jimmy Carter

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much: it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”—Franklin D. Roosevelt

“As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality exist in our world, none of us can truly rest.”—Nelson Mandela

“If poverty is a disease that infects the entire community in the form of unemployment and violence, failing schools and broken homes, then we can't just treat those symptoms in isolation, we have to heal the entire community” -President Barack Obama

“We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”—Mother Teresa

“The opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is enough” --Dr. Wess Stafford, President Emeritus of Compassion International

These were just some of the quotes listed in the article. At St. Paul's we do support many organizations that help those in need. Perhaps in 2025 we can look for more ways to help those struggling in our community.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2025.

Peace, Maryann



Please pray with us!



Have mercy on me, God, for I am faint; heal me, God, for my bones are in agony. My soul is in deep anguish. How long, God, how long? Turn, God, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. -- Psalm 6:2-4

Holy One, we pray for:

Those shut in their homes/assisted living:

Liz Chubb, Clair Fritz, Fay Herman, Sarah Senft

Those who need healing:

Rylan Borys, Ken Church, Robin Gentzler, Sue Howes, David Klinedinst, Erin Trayer

All those longing for peace in the world, refugees escaping terror, people suffering from disasters and all soldiers serving their country in the military, especially:

Chris Glass, Jason Moncuse

Our college and graduate students:

Mackenzie Fritz, Darren Gobrecht, Hannah Mansfield, Rachel Miller, Emily Ramsay, Bryce Thoman, Christopher Wilhide

Those in hospice care:

Mary Ellen Fritz

Tom Beringer's mother. Tom is Jody (Miller's) husband, and Terry's son-in-law.



Revised Common Lectionary Scripture Readings for January		
Date	Themes	Scriptures
Jan. 5	Second Sunday after Christmas; Another Road	Jer. 31:7-14; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18
Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord; Affirmed by Love	Isaia 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan. 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany; Extravagant Sign; Installation of new leaders	Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 35:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
Jan. 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany; Good News, Good Ways; Holy Communion	Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Contact Information

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 - 11:30 am.

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

Prayer Chain Contact Pastor Dave (716-946-7349), Jane Bankert (717-225-3738), or Darlene Hoover (717-792-3153) to begin the prayer chain. To add a name to our printed prayer list, contact the church office.

Emergency Pastoral Needs For more immediate care, please contact Pastor Dave at 716-946-7349 (cell).

Ways to Support St. Paul's UCC

Grocery Cards Giant, Weis and Kennie's cards are available in amounts from \$10 to \$100. The church receives 5% of your purchase toward our expenses. Call Maryann Brenneman (717-225-4497) for additional information.

Submission due dates:

Newsletter:

Refer to Calendar

Sunday bulletin requests:

Tuesday of each week

Committee minutes:

Tuesday prior to Consistory meeting

Requests for use of the church building:

Forms are in the narthex tray.



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OF CHRIST**



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JANUARY 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)

Equilla Curry’s - Ecclesiastical Council at Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Ave, York

Authorized ministers and lay delegates, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 12 at 3:00 pm**. At that date and time at **Faith UCC** we will be having an Ecclesiastical Council for Equilla Curry. At this Council, participants will have an opportunity to hear Equilla talk about her journey towards ordained ministry and ask questions about her Ordination Paper. The gathered body will then vote/discern on whether Equilla is prepared for ordained ministry in churches across the UCC.

Raised in the African Methodist Episcopal church in Los Angeles, Equilla has been involved with a number of different churches over the course of her life. Among many other things, she has facilitated bible studies, created curriculums, and organized prayer and hospitality ministries.

After moving to York County over a decade ago, she pursued degrees in business administration and accounting before sensing a call to chaplaincy. This call to chaplaincy arose in part from the experience of caring for her aging parents and her late husband. She also believes that God’s love should be shared with all people. She chose to attend Lancaster Theological Seminary, and completed her Masters of Divinity in 2024. While at LTS, she learned about and got involved with UCC churches in the area. She became a member of Faith UCC and has led worship in other UCC churches. She has attended PCCUC meetings and is Secretary of our York Association.

The next newsletter, FEBRUARY, will be emailed January 20, 2024.

Please send articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by January 18. Thank You!

Rev. D. Marie Tribble – Installation Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St, York

The Heidelberg UCC Congregation warmly invites you to join us in celebrating the Installation Service of our new Pastor, Rev. D. Marie Tribble on **Saturday, January 25 @ 4:00 pm**. This sacred and joyful occasion marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our shared ministry, and we would be deeply honored by your presence. Our guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Leslie D. Callahan from the St. Paul’s Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Immediately following the service, a reception will be held in the auditorium. For additional information, please contact 717.854.7125.

“In the Bulb, there is a Flower”

It was 2004, and a very emotional and important decision was being made that would greatly impact **York's Emmanuel UCC** on East Market Street. Attendance had been quite low each week, and maintaining the church was simply not possible. The congregation had previously written a “Living Will” that required the church to do a self-examination if a lower attendance or low financial marker was met. Church members were wondering how they could walk away from a gorgeous building that was such a spiritual and meaningful part of their lives, some for their entire lives. It was heart-wrenching to think about going elsewhere. Margaret Sultner, who has attended Emmanuel for over seventy years, remembered this time. “I was a member since I was six, and I knew nothing else. It was hard to let go of a home away from home.”

Emmanuel's pastor at the time, Rev. Della Fahnestock, surprised many in the congregation with an innovative proposal. Perhaps Emmanuel could live on in a unique way--continuing its commitment to share faith and community outreach, but without a building. With much prayer, discussion and open minds, Pastor Della and about twenty interested people created a new reality and vision for the church, “traveling light” as Jesus had done.

Twenty years later, Emmanuel remains an active member of the United Church of Christ and is thriving as a home for spiritual sojourners. Decisions are made through a consensus-building process. The congregation identifies as “covenant participants” instead of “church members” and renews their covenant yearly. Those who desire a connection to the church but without joining are “Friends of Emmanuel.” The church's Living Will is reviewed yearly and updated when needed, ensuring that the church remains healthy. The church also is intentionally small, under thirty covenant participants. According to the Living Will, if attendance grows to 40, a second church planting would be considered.

As followers of Jesus, committed to “traveling light,” the congregation has needed to be flexible about meeting spaces. Over the years, worship services have been in a room at a Community Center as well as in a hotel conference room. For the past five years, Hayshire UCC has generously rented its Fellowship Hall to Emmanuel for Sunday worship.

Since its 2004 restart, wonderful pastors have led Emmanuel. For the first eighteen years, there were settled pastors Rev. Della Fahnestock, Rev. Kay Rader, Rev. Mike Loser, and Rev. Laura Ramsey, as well as Interim minister, Rev. Rick Pulling and supply pastor, Rev. Dominique Denman. Since 2022, the church has continued to thrive without a settled pastor. Instead, a flow of diverse supply pastors has added dimension to the church: MiD Spring Davidson, Rev. Joslin Kearse, Rev. Megan Mathieson, and currently MiD Jamie Gruber. Everyone agrees that the congregation has spiritually grown through their presence.

Emmanuel's congregation size and weekly attendance have been steady during the last twenty years, with between ten and twenty attending in person or, since Covid, also over Zoom. The church's Mission Statement, read together weekly, includes that the church will, “...actively sustain a creative and constructive presence in the world.,” making a commitment to live faith outside of “church.” With no building issues to take care of, money and energy can be used elsewhere. Tithing to Our Church's Wider Mission is built into Emmanuel's annual budget. Zooming services two Sundays a month saves rent money for quarterly charitable donations. As a Creation Justice congregation, Emmanuel cares for God's creation by tending trees at Nixon Park, writing environmental voting postcards, hosting guest speakers, collecting plastic and paper for recycling, and together reading and discussing books on environmental issues. As the first Open and Affirming congregation in the York area, Emmanuel has been supporting our LGBTQIA+ siblings, sponsoring and attending events, and creating a safe worship space for all.

Additional church outreach has included: Sandwich sales and a yearly yard sale, with all proceeds going to a girls' school in Kenya; writing Letters to the Editor on a variety of issues, such as book banning; volunteering at Mr. Sandy's Veteran Center to do clean ups, and providing meals and treats to the homeless veterans. In recent years, the church has donated supplies and packed backpacks to Church World Service, participated in the Race Against Racism and annual CROP Hunger Walks, prepped food at the York County Food Alliance “Squash Hunger,” and led sing-alongs at Margaret Moul Home. During the Covid lockdown, Emmanuel sent monthly donations to local charitable organizations.

Worship is interactive at Emmanuel, including alternative versions of the Prayer of Our Savior, “Readers Theater,” and sometimes a Fruit Salad Communion. After the one-hour service, there is an hour of open and respectful discussion, in which all ideas are welcome. Listening to and learning from one another is essential. Another essential is Music. The congregation loves to harmonize when meeting in person, especially during its favorite hymns. One such hymn, “In the Bulb There is a Flower” by Natalie Sleeth, has lyrics that seem to touch directly on the church's story. The second stanza includes, “...from the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” For the past twenty years, this congregation has seen God's mystery unfolding in so many ways. May God continue to reveal God's self well into the future, at Emmanuel UCC York!

Emmanuel UCC York website: emmanueluucc.org

Attn: York Association UCC Clergy and MIDs
York Association Clergy and MIDs will meet on
Wednesday, January 8, at 11 am for brunch at Lion's Pride
Restaurant in Red Lion.

2025 Committees and Leadership

At our November 2024 Annual meeting we installed and welcomed the following people into leadership positions in our York Association (you can also find this list on <https://www.yorkassociationucc.org/>). Of course, these individuals are *not the total* of our York Association. *You plus these individuals are the York Association in total.* All our churches. And all our church members.

However, to many people in the pews of our churches, the work of our York Association (and Penn Central Conference) is largely invisible. The local church seems to encompass what it means to be church. Those relationships near at hand are so tangible and important that we forget that we are bound with covenantal ties to those beyond our sight.

In recent years, your York Association has been doing things such as planning Annual meetings and other educational offerings, encouraging mutual mission work in York County, responding to crises, supporting ministers, and answering a wide variety of questions.

Truth be told, our Penn Central Conference has been doing work that falls under the purview of its Associations, including the York Association (to see a list of our purposes, find our Constitution on <https://www.yorkassociationucc.org/>). As the Conference's financial resources and staffing decreases, our York Association will need to do more, especially with respect to supporting our clergy, but in other ways as well.

Our world around us is changing ever more rapidly as is the spiritual landscape on which we are situated. Hanging on to the past may offer succor and comfort but is not a path to church health. For our churches and our authorized ministers to be as vital and adaptable as we will need to be, we will all need to work more closely together. As your Council President for the next two years, I aim to "bless the ties that bind" and exercise those ties as much as possible.

God's shalom, healing, wholeness and peace be with you all in the year ahead,

Dave

York Association Council Officers

President - Rev. David Martin,
St. Paul's Stoverstown, 2026

Vice-President – Jean Weidler,
St. Peter's Lischey's, 2026

Secretary - Equilla Curry, Faith York, 2025

Treasurer - Charles Eisenhart, Hayshire York, 2025

York Association Committee Chairs

Communication Committee - Jean Weidler,
St. Peter's Lischey's, 2026

Community Outreach Co-Chair – Joy Gobrecht,
St. Paul's, 2025

Community Outreach Co-Chair - George DeMers,
Mt. Zion York, 2026

Committee on Ministry - Rev. Eva O'Diam,
Dover, 2025

Nominations Committee – Barb Crum,
Hayshire, York, 2026

Parish Life, Lisa Young, Hayshire, York, 2026

York Association Council Members At Large

Joann Kreeger, Starview, Mt Wolf, 2026

Rev. Martha Boyer, Starview, Mt Wolf, 2026

Barb Crum, Hayshire, York, 2026

Rev. Kelly Shiflett, Trinity, Hellam, 2025

Committee on Ministry

Chair - Rev. Eva O'Diam, Dover, 2025

Rev. Dr. Kellie C. Turner, Trinity, York, 2026

Larry Bean, Faith, York, 2026

Cathy Rentzel, Starview, Mt. Wolf, 2026

Rev. Rick Pulling, St John's Blymire's, York, 2025

Pam Rutledge, Dover, Dover, 2025

Rev. Cathy Sherry, Hayshire, York, 2026

Community Outreach Committee

Co-chair - George DeMers, Mt. Zion, York, 2024

Co-chair - Joy Gobrecht, St Paul's, Stoverstown, 2025

Sheryl Smith, Faith, York, 2023

Communications Committee

Chair - Jean Weidler, St. Peter's Lischey's, 2026

Ex-officio - Andrew Boyer, Starview, Mt. Wolf

Ex-officio - Sue Barnes, Heidelberg, York

Ex-officio - Jaron Flickinger, Shiloh, York

Nominations Committee

Co-Chair - Barb Crum, Hayshire York, 2026

Co-Chair - Rev. Chris Anderson, Heidelberg,
York, 2026

Rev. Susan Emmons, Shiloh, 2026

Andrew Boyer, Starview Mt Wolf, 2025

Parish Life

Lisa Young, Hayshire, York, 2026

Equilla Curry, Faith, York, 2026

Members Serving in the Wider Church

PCC Board of Directors - Rev. Dr. Chris Rodkey,
Heidelberg, York, 2027

PCC Board of Directors - Dr. Janis Taylor,
St. John's Red Lion, 2026

PCC Nomination Commission - Rev. Chris Anderson,
Heidelberg, York, 2026

PCC Commission on Ministry - Rev. Eva O'Diam,
Dover, 2025

PCC Outdoor Ministries Commission - Dr. Janis Taylor,
St. John's, Red Lion, 2026

UCC Synod Delegate Clergy - Rev. Martha Boyer,
Starview, Mt Wolf, 2025 & 2028

UCC General Synod Delegate Laywoman - Joann Kreeger,
Starview, Mt. Wolf, 2025

UCC General Synod Delegate Layman - Glenn Young,
Hayshire York, 2025

To kick off our 275th Anniversary Celebration at

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC

Join us for an engaging presentation by

Shawn Carbaugh

A renowned local historian

January 5th at 10:30 AM

Shawn will delve into the fascinating early history of the Spring Grove area. With deep roots in the community—his family has lived here for over 250 years—Shawn brings unique insights and a heartfelt passion for local history.

- Following the event, enjoy a delightful church social where you can connect with others and share your own stories about the area.

Location: St. Peter's Lischey's UCC,

5671 Lischeys Church Rd., Spring Grove

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage of Spring Grove!

St. Paul's UCC - Stoverstown

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Intergenerational Faith Discussion 10:15am Worship	30 Mark Hull	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 10:00am Sanctuary Renovation Meeting
5 9:00am Exploring Membership 10:15am Worship	6 Epiphany	7 5:30pm Sonshine Singers Daniel Fake	8 6:00pm Fellowship & Outreach Committee 7:15pm Shalom Choir	9	10	11 6:00pm Winter Banquet
12 9:00am Intergenerational Faith Discussion 10:15am Worship 11:30am Exploring Membership	13 7:00pm Worship Committee McKenna Mercer	14 5:30pm Sonshine Singers	15 7:15pm Shalom Choir	16	17	18
19 9:00am Intergenerational Faith Discussion 10:15am Worship Sara Bare, Jacquie Church-Young	20 Martin Luther King Day 7:00pm Consistory Patrice Joseph, Katharyn Young	21 5:30pm Sonshine Singers 6:30pm YA Council Meeting Newsletter deadline	22 7:15pm Shalom Choir Jane Bankert	23	24 Cathy Bollinger Kimberly Henry, Brook Senft	25 Kira Hull Andrew Leonard
26 9:00am Intergenerational Faith Discussion 10:15am Worship with Communion Robert Dubbs Jr. Jordana Hartman, Adalyn Ripple	27 Darcy Hull	28 5:30pm Sonshine Singers Robert Brenneman	29 7:15pm Shalom Choir	30 Our Daily Bread	31	1