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A Message from PCC

August 28, 2019

Dear friends of Penn Central Conference,
It is back to school season and my Facebook feed is filled with all the beautiful pictures of my friends' children as they begin new adventures in education and life. My favorite back to school post was from a retirement care community that used a whiteboard to name the resident, their age, their class year and their advice for kids on the first day of a new year. It was touching to see the first day excitement span generations!

It's a first day season in the Church, too, as many of you are looking forward to Rally Days and Spirit Sundays to kick-off the start of new Faith Formation and Sunday School seasons, as well as quite a few churches spreading back out into multiple worship services after combining for the summer.

I love learning and relish in any moment dedicated to shining a spotlight on its importance. How might God be speaking through this current focus on back to school, back to faith formation, back to education and calling you to learn something new in your faith life? It may not mean back to anything, it may simply be tuning in to a new calling.

A few weeks ago, I was preaching about learning faith from the [Isaiah 1:10-20](#) and [Hebrews 11:13-16](#) passages in the lectionary. In my sermon I asked the congregation what they might be seeing in the distance that God was calling them to greet even from afar. And then I asked another question that has become a more personal, lengthy wrestling match kind of question: "what practices of your faith might God be testifying against and calling you out of?"

This is my learning right now: what new faith practices is God calling me to and conversely, what faith practices might God be calling me out of because I do them by rote even though they may not spiritually feed me any longer? What about you? What can you learn about yourself as our calendar calls everyone, across all generations to think about learning?

Shalom,

Nora

Hartman Center

Forgiveness: A Path for Healing

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 2 p.m. - Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 3 p.m. register online.

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend - "It's a Wonderful Life"

Friday, November 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. - Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3 p.m. register online.

COMING IN NOVEMBER: The FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

is planned for Nov. 15-17. (Friday the 15th at 7 p.m. to Sunday the 17th at 11 a.m.) Leaders will be Sue D'heedene and Winnie Kowalik.

COMING IN JANUARY 2020: The FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT January 17-19 Planned by pastors and laymen of the Conference. Possible theme: Seasons of a Man's Life. Watch for details this fall.

Prayers for Penn Central Conference

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

Zion UCC, Newburg

Saint John's (New Chester) UCC, New Oxford

Saint Paul's UCC, New Oxford

Incarnation UCC, Newport



Upcoming Events



Old Zion German Reformed Church

Anniversary Service

Sunday, September 8, 2019

4:00 p.m.

2019 Theme

Old Zion during the Civil War

Featuring:

“Rich Man’s War, Poor Man’s Fight”

Speaker - Rev. William J. LaSalle

Lily Moore - Violinist

J.P. Welliver - Pump Organist

Civil War reenactor

lemonade & cookies on the lawn following the service

187 Reifsnyder Rd, Lititz, PA 17543

Check out other upcoming events on our website:

<https://pccucc.org/calendar/>

Register for events online:

<https://pccucc.org/register-for-an-event/>

Or call the office - 717-652-1560

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<https://pccucc.org/enews-archive/>

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

We just reached \$6,720 of the \$7,000 needed for the Craft Shop.

That means less than \$300 left! Any funds raised in excess of the Craft Shop project will be used for renovations of Michaux Lodge.

No contribution is too small. Make checks payable to Penn Central Conference and send them to Penn Central Conference, 900 S. Arlington Ave. Rm. 227A, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

We expect renovations to be made this summer and early fall with a special dedication to occur at the Hartman Center Fall Festival, October 12, 2019.



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