PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Message from PCC

November 8, 2023

Members and Friends of Penn Central Conference,

Those of you who spent time at Hartman Center will remember the special paintings that hung in the living room area of Michaux Lodge. They were done by POW Germans who were held at Camp Michaux in Cumberland County during World War II and depicted some memories from their homeland. They were given to Hartman Center by a State Forester when Camp Michaux was closed and were framed and hung on the walls for many years where they were well kept. When we were preparing to sell the camp three years ago, I contacted the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to see if they had any use or interest in the return of these paintings, as they are a piece of Pennsylvania history. After doing some checking, DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn let me know they would be pleased to have them back and that there was an exhibit about Camp Michaux at the Cumberland County Historical Society. They would be delighted to have them for their collection. So I took the paintings to the Conference Office in Harrisburg where Secretary Dunn picked them up.

On November 2, I was invited to attend an event where DCNR formally transferred these paintings to the Cumberland County Historical Society. It was a joy to represent Penn Central Conference, along with Shirley Keith Knox who is also a member of the Cumberland Historical Society. Two television stations were present to record this event for their local news in Lancaster and York. It was such a pleasure to see these paintings again and to know that they will now be preserved as a little piece of history in

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Contact us!

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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...

Faith UCC, Lancaster

First Reformed Chapel UCC, Lancaster

Grace UCC, Lancaster

Hamilton Park UCC, Lancaster



Cumberland County. I encourage anyone who is interested to visit this lovely museum in Carlisle, PA - it's right across the street from First Church UCC in Carlisle. Perhaps you'd also enjoy taking the walking tour around the former Camp Michaux to learn and experience a bit more of the history of our state and the role it played during World War II.

Rev. Ann Graves

Former Penn Central Conference Moderator





Register for the following at https://pccucc.org/register-for-an-event/

Synod Seconds – A Keystone-wide Conversation

Join conference staff and delegates from across the keystone state as we explore implementation of General Synod Resolutions and looks at snap-shots of wider-church life. November 13 from 6:30-8 pm. All are welcome. Please register.

Choose from three in person and one Zoom Town Hall to learn more about the **Keystone Project**, the current working group's assessments and how they are visioning "Together we are stronger: the Keystone Conference."

November 15, 6:30PM - Quentin UCC, Quentin (in-person only)

The Virtual Choir is starting up! The 2023-24 season will begin with a new Christmas Carol by John Rutter for our churches to use during the Christmas season! Contact Julie Holm, bvfofmusic@gmail.com to be part of the fun! Tracks will be available by November 5, and orientation sessions will be held the week before.

PCC is hiring!

Position: Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families

The Facilitator of Care to Clergy and Clergy Families is a part-time position (25 hours per week). This person will be responsible for assessing and responding to pastoral care needs of clergy and clergy families in coordination with a team of pastoral chaplains throughout the Penn Central Conference.

This person is hired and supervised by the Conference Minister.

See attached job description.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2023 Please send clergy profile with references or a CV with references to penncentralconferenceucc@gmail.com