



PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.

A Message from PCC

May 19, 2021

Members and friends of Penn Central Conference -

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)

General Synod 33, July 11-18, 2021

This is a General Synod year in the United Church of Christ and there may never be a better time for your entire congregation to join the national setting for this event!! All parts of General Synod 33 will be online, just as so much of life has been lately. As I sit with this theme scripture, I think about these “they” and wonder how exactly I might “delight in the law of the Lord.” Each time I think about it, I find myself wondering through scriptures that inform my living, hoping that the fruit I see is real.

I want to use this message as invitation to each and every member of the UCC to join the whole church for part of this church-wide **conversation**. Perhaps your small group will read the resolutions and have discussion throughout your congregation about these possible statements from the national setting. How might the local church or individual member engage the implementation or rejection of these resolutions?

Another way to join the wider church will be the 3 main worship services. While **registration** is needed, these services will be streamed for free. Local churches could join for watch parties in church yards or social halls, or members can join in worship from their homes. The opening worship will be

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Outdoor Ministries

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Summer Camp: REGISTER ANYTIME!

The 2021 summer camp schedule is set! There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. Check out what is offered online.

PCC is covering half of camp registration for members! To learn more email

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Summer Staff Recruitment -- GOING ON NOW!

Calling all high school kids, college-age young adults, and adults interested in working at

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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.

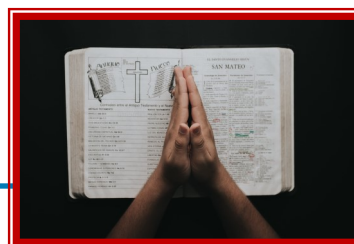
This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

Zion UCC, Marietta

St. John's UCC, Markelsville

Maytown Reformed UCC, Maytown

St. James UCC, Littlestown



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on Sunday, July 11th at 5pm, the mid-week service on Wednesday, July 14th at 8pm and the closing worship will be at 6pm on Sunday, July 18th.

Workshops will also be available for purchase to the whole church in single on-demand offerings or bundles.

The most important thing that each member of the church can do is **pray** for this gathering. Each of the Penn Central associations have elected delegates that will attend online from home most of the week and will gather at the Hilton DoubleTree in Lancaster for the majority of the business sessions on Friday and Saturday. Holding our delegates, as well as those from the other 32 Conferences, in prayer connects us in ways that make real the hope "that they may all be one."

You can follow General Synod news at www.generalsynod.org. Join the conversation and take this opportunity to check your roots, examine your fruits and know that in love, children of God will always prosper.

Blessings, Nora

The Rev. Nora Foust
Associate Conference Minister
Penn Central Conference

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camp this summer! Lutheran Camping Corporation is recruiting now for this summer's camp season.

Hartman Center Spirit Week:

Week of August 8 at Camp Mount Luther
In addition to the summer camp options at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa, you are invited to a week (or part of a week) of camp at Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg. This week — which will be in the spirit, community, and traditions of Hartman Center — is sponsored by the Central Association, but open to Penn Central Conference & friends of Hartman Center. Summer Camp at Camp Mount Luther is open to PCC folks!

Learn more here: <https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>



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Save the date

Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting will be online again this year. Registration links are available on pccucc.org - save the date of June 12, 2021 for this meeting.

Changes to the conference bylaws will be up for vote at this meeting. Two special meetings via Zoom will happen in June 1st to ask questions about the changes registration links to follow soon as well. If you have not seen the proposed changes, go to pccucc.org and click on the "Annual Meeting" tab for documents.

We will also be installing Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola as Associate Conference Minister, voting on budget and a slate of nominees.