

# PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.

## A Message from PCC

May 26, 2021

### Members and friends of Penn Central Conference -

*"Day by day they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47)*

Pentecost is a glorious festival day for the church, during which red banners, red clergy shirts, red shoes and red decorations take center stage. It is a day of fire and wind and a reminder of new possibilities and new directions.

How appropriate that Pentecost fell this year at a time when our nation seems to be waking up and emerging from the cave of Covid-19. Vaccinations continue and people are hugging and touching and joining together in groups again. I confess, it feels miraculous. And then I am reminded of what comes after Pentecost: Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar is long and expressed through the color green. It is a quiet time that falls outside of the two "great seasons" of Eastertide and Christmastide. And this year it parallels our own return to "ordinary life". I have seen the emergence from Covid back to ordinary life expressed tentatively, as if we are putting our hands out the door to see if the rain is falling. Emergence is also punctuated with sudden bursts of extravagance and exuberance as groups join together in celebration without masks on. The pace is uneven as so many are in different places emotionally, physically and psychologically. Abiding grief remains for many, alongside the realization that our ordinary time will look differently now.

In the ordinary time that followed Pentecost the believers in the early church focused on

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## Outdoor Ministries

In partnership with Lutheran Camping Corporation

### 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.*

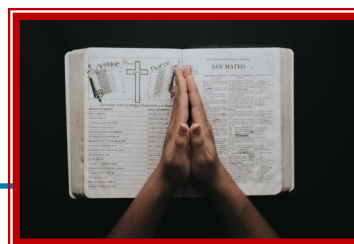
This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

**Zion UCC, Marietta**

**St. John's UCC, Markelsville**

**Maytown Reformed UCC, Maytown**

**St. James UCC, Littlestown**



## Message from the Conference cont'

sharing meals, praying together, and praising God. Their glad and generous hearts must have made them glad and generous to others, as their numbers increased. The message of salvation was part of daily life and the response was prayer, thanksgiving, and providing sustenance.

My hope is that our ordinary time might be filled with the same actions as those of the early believers. After all, we are all the result of the testimony of the believers through the centuries. We would not be here if it were not for their glad and generous hearts. Consider for yourselves, after Pentecost, as you emerge from the Covid-time, how will you give thanks, praise God and share the word of new life with glad and generous hearts?

May we feel the movement of the Spirit and embrace the practice of the early Christian community to testify, pray, praise and give thanks. Our saving God is with us in this new time.

**Peace,  
Carrie**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call  
Conference Minister  
Penn Central Conference



**Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting** will be online again this year. Registration links are available on [pccucc.org](http://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](http://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.

## Outdoor Ministries cont'

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/>

## Save the date

**UCC's General Synod 33**, "Rooted In Love", will be occurring July 11-18, 2021. Learn more at [general-synod.org](http://general-synod.org)

## Contact us!

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