

# PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.



## A Message from PCC

**June 1, 2022**

### **Members and friends of Penn Central Conference,**

*See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;*

*before they spring forth,*

*I tell you of them. Isa 42:9*

More new things God? These past couple years have seen change after change after change. I was reminded this week of a LP Hartley quote I used when I taught US History, "The past is a foreign country: they do things different there." (The Go-Between, 1953)

I can think of so many examples where this is true in the Church. One is church in general and how much the pandemic has changed how we engage worship, fellowship, and outreach just over the past few years. Another is the ways the UCC partners for mission work in the world. As a child in church I remember our missionaries visiting and telling us about their work in a remote Ghanaian village one Sunday each summer. A youth read their quarterly letter to us in worship. We raised money for Bibles, clothes, school buildings, and supplies. Today the UCC works through global and local partners to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace in a model quite different from the one of my childhood.

Join us next week as we gather to hear from the UCC's Associate General Minister of Global Engagement the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson on the new ways we engage with mission partners around the world. Rev. Thompson will deliver a keynote address on Monday evening at 6:30 and preach

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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.*

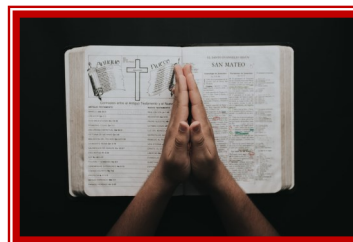
This week, we pray for each other as we continue to live into God's calling...

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**Salona UCC, Mill Hall**

**St. Paul's UCC, Schaefferstown**

**St. Paul's UCC, Selinsgrove**



in our Saturday business and worship zoom. Between these bookends with Rev. Thompson, there are a number of workshops each evening ranging from working with refugee families to racial justice discussions, as well as music in small churches, and of course ministry in a post-pandemic world. Saturday's business session will include the normal budget and officer slate votes, and the state of the conference address from our conference minister Rev. Dr. Carrie Call. We will hear some great music from the PCC virtual choir and some hidden musical gems, too.

There's still time to register for the Saturday business meeting and worship, the Monday night plenary and the workshops.

**Shalom,**

**Nora**

Rev. Dr. Nora Foust

Associate Conference Minister

Penn Central Conference

On behalf of myself and the Starview United Church of Christ congregation, we want to extend an invitation to other congregations which might be hoping to join other

Churches, in person, for the 60th ANNUAL MEETING. We are asking that congregations RSVP by June 6th, so we can have adequate tables set up, along with snacks and drinks (water, coffee, tea) for everyone. The meeting will be viewed on a large screen via a projector, and communion elements will, of course, be provided. Afterwards, anyone wishing to join the delegates of Starview for lunch are invited to do so. Sandwiches, salad, and dessert will be provided. To RSVP, by MONDAY, June 6th is 717-266-4248 or email: starviewucc@comcast.net.

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Laura Baker**

Starview United Church of Christ

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### **PCC's 60th Annual Meeting**

#### **"Mission In Focus"**

"See, the former things have come to pass and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." - Isaiah 42:9

Opening Plenary: 6:30PM, June 6, 2022

Workshops: 6:30PM, June 7-9, 2022

Business & Worship: 9:00AM, June 11, 2022

<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/penn-central-conference-annual-meeting-2022>

### **HC Spirit Week - What's in a Name?**

"Naming and Claiming Who God Made Us to Be"

Saturday, August 6 through Friday, August 12

Camp Mt. Luther

<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hc-spirit-week>

**Learn more about camping opportunities here:** <https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

