PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

A Message from PCC

July 19, 2023

Greetings members and friends of Penn Central Conference,

One of the things that I love about this calling of mine is being out among our churches in worship, in fellowship, and in mission! It is a beautiful moment when the true synergy of being more together than we can possibly be on our own is realized. When associations bring together their member churches, there is greater capacity for the UCC value of CHANGING LIVES.

When I was in the local church, we packed meals for Rise Against Hunger one Saturday. We were so proud of our 1,500 meals! When I see the Northern Association planning to come together for 20,000+ meals, well, that's CHANGING LIVES! Yes, my local church's project changed lives too, but the synergy of an association has a greater impact that cannot be denied.

Whether your association might choose a local project like York Association and Mr. Sandy's a few years ago or a global project like Rise Against Hunger in the Northern Association, look for partner's in the building up of God's realm among us. You might even consider joining Northern's mission with volunteer hours or a donation. Keep reading to find out how!

The Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference (about 15 churches and total average attendance of about 600 folks) is once again partnering with Rise Against Hunger as our community outreach project.

Rise Against Hunger is a nonprofit group founded by U.S. Marine veteran Ray Buchanan who during his military service, recognized the dire need for food assistance around the world. Over the past thirty years, his mission has been to eliminate world hunger by the year 2030.

It is hoped that this very worthwhile project will bring the Northern Association churches together

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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...

St. John's UCC, Bellefonte

Peace UCC, Berrysburg

Zion UCC, Blain

St. John's UCC, Boalsburg



following the isolation experienced during the Covid 19 pandemic. Throughout the meal packaging event, volunteers work closely with one another to assemble the packages. This will be our third year as a partner with Rise Against Hunger. The response from participants of the previous events has been extremely positive.

We plan to package 20,000+ meals on Saturday, July 29 at the Lion's Club in Centre Hall. Our morning shift has been filled, but there are still 20 slots open for the 1-3:00pm shift. We will provide pizza and water. If you wish to register to volunteer for the afternoon, please go to: http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Centrehall2023 or, you can contact Susan Rudy at 814-349-8334 and she will take care of the registration. Please leave a message if Susan does not answer and include your email address if you have one.

Each meal consists of rice, dehydrated vegetables, soy protein, and eighteen essential vitamins and minerals. The meals have a two-year shelf life and are sent around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. Each meal costs 38 cents and will feed 5-6 people.

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION to help fund this very important project. To date, we have received almost $4,000; we still need approximately $3,000. We are very much aware of how tight finances are; but if your church and/or church members are able to contribute to this worthy cause, please make checks payable to Northern Association with a note in the memo line "Rise Against Hunger" and send to

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THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU in advance for any help you can provide. God Bless.

Nora & Susan

Rev. Dr. Nora Foust

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Susan Rudy

Northern Association

Hartman Center Homecoming week

July 31 through August 5, 2023

We will be returning to Hartman Center Campground in Milroy, PA as guests. Camping experiences for all ages, including intergenerational camps.

For more information, contact
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https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week

2 night camps Monday, July 31 at 4PM through Wednesday, August 2 at 4PM

Getting Started - Grades 1 and 2 ($125)

Intergenerational Camp ($125)

3 night camps Wednesday, August 2 at 4PM through Saturday, August 5 at 11AM

Intergenerational Camp ($190)

Camp of the Heart ($250)

5 night camps Monday, 07/31/2023 at 4PM through Saturday, 08/05/2023 at 11AM

Elementary - Grades 3 - 5 ($300)

Junior High - Grades 6 - 8 ($300)

Senior High - Grades 9 - 12 plus ($300)

Leadership - Grades 9 - 12 plus ($300)

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