



# PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE



Empowering churches to proclaim the reconciling love of Christ.



## A Message from PCC

**March 16, 2022**

Dear Friends and Members of Penn Central Conference,

Have you ever been called the wrong name? Remembering names is a growing edge for me. Matching names and faces is often a downright challenge. When I taught high school and college courses, I often spent much of the first weeks drilling names with my students. Time that likely should have been moving on through course material but that I allotted otherwise, as I recognized the importance of names to my students. I needed to be able to name them at the football game, in the hall, and most importantly at the grocery store. It really mattered to them, and eventually to me.

Names matter in scripture, too. This summer at HC Spirit Week at Camp Mount Luther, August 6-12, campers will explore “What’s in a Name?” as their theme. Bookending the week is Exodus 3:1-15 when God shares “I am” with Moses at the burning bush, campers will look at their own names, labels, and potential as they journey through scripture in a traditional camp environment. Other daily themes include stories like Simon becoming Peter in Matthew 16 reflecting on embracing failure and realizing potential or when Naomi names herself in Ruth 1 to explore naming difficult feelings and being empowered to claim one’s own identity.

Day and overnight campers from Kindergarten-12th grade are welcome! Check out more information <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hc-spirit-week> Camp nurses and some leadership positions are still being filled. Reach out to Director Rev. Alice Rauch if you have questions.”

## 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. Luke's UCC, Lock Haven**

**Samdy Hill (Kistler) UCC, Ickesburg**

**St. Peter's UCC, Lykens**

**Christ Madisonburg UCC, Rebersburg**

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Our partnership with the Lutheran Camping Corporation also offers a full slate of camps for this summer including school-age kids, families, and adult camping opportunities at Nawakwa, Kirchenwald and Wittle Farm. These camps will explore God Beyond Measure in their theme “Boundless.” Topics of Goodness, Love, Welcome, Forgiveness and Generosity Beyond Measure will all be discussed at Nawakwa and Kirchenwald camps. Camps start in mid-June and run several program options at both locations throughout the summer. The Wittle Farm Growing Project offers planting days in May and a variety of volunteer and retreat opportunities throughout the whole calendar year. Check these out and get your camping brochure at [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org).

Like our HC Spirit week, Kirchenwald and Nawakwa are still looking for summer staff. Check out opportunities at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment/>

Here's a little Table Talk to get you thinking about camp and outdoor ministries: Share a memory with a friend today, or with everyone at the lunch or dinner table, about a good time you had at camp as a kid. If you weren't a camper, share a childhood memory about playing outside with friends. And then check out the children, youth and adult opportunities for getting outside this summer with the Penn Central Conference! PCC does offer a 50% campership for HC Spirit and LCC Camps. Use code PENNCENTRAL2022 at registration.

**Shalom,**

**Nora**

Rev. Nora Foust

Associate Conference Minister

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### **Ways to Support the People of Ukraine**

Please see the two links below for some specific information about ways we can assist those in Ukraine. The Global Ministries staff at the national UCC setting has worked diligently to make connections with mis-

sion partners in the area and there are several opportunities for giving as well as joining in prayer.

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-issues-appeal-for-ukraine-calls-on-u-s-to-provide-humanitarian-aid/>

<https://www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/>

### **Save the Date:**

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

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

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

Business & Worship: 9:30AM, June 11, 2022

## **Outdoor Ministries**

### **Women's Spring Quilting Retreat** (March 18-20 at Kirchenwald)

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/womens-quilting-weekend-2022/>

### **Summer Open House** (March 20, April 10 from 2-4:30 p.m. at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa)

(For Kirchenwald) <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-camp-open-house-kirchenwald-0322/>

(For Nawakwa) <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/summer-camp-open-house-nawakwa-0322/>

### **HC Spirit Week**

Mt. Luther Camp  
August 6—12, 2022

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

