The Covenant Association

of the Keystone Conference UCC
News from around the Association
October 4, 2026
Greetings!

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL CALL TO THE COVENANT ASSOCIATION FALL GATHERING!
Sunday, October 25, 2026
Huff's Church, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA.
Spread the word!!

This year's theme for our Fall Association Gathering is *"A Harvest of God's Goodness!"* We will have much to celebrate at this gathering, including the anniversaries of our churches and clergy.

Our gathering will also center on the harvest. The fall season reminds us of all that God has provided through our fields and gardens.

We also recognize that many of our UCC churches support Helping Harvest Food Bank. Our churches do much to ensure that families have the food they need. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Dave Delozier, Chief Development Officer of Helping Harvest, who will share information and updates about the food bank.

PLEASE REGISTER AT
https://covenantassociation.org

THE COVENANT ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Okay, we do need people in the pews! Otherwise, we would be preaching to empty seats! Not so good!

But the congregation needs people to be serving God in more ways than worshiping God on Sunday morning. Otherwise, there would not be a building and no committees. Whoa! What would we do with our time?

But, even if our own congregation is healthy and thriving, it is not the All-There-Is in God's Kingdom. In the UCC, congregations are organized into Associations. Why is this?

We, we need each other. Disconnected congregations are like ships without directions; without training; without patrol boats to maintain order; without emergency preparations. That is why we have Associations. Good thinking!

But people serving in congregations don't have time to extend themselves for association work. Also, the congregations don't want to share a person's energy. The congregations do not realize that a person's energy in a wider circle can inspire the congregation to become more alive; to be thinking outward instead of just inward.

Are you one of the people who should help your own congregation in this way? When your congregation needs a pastor, you can claim that you helped to answer that need. Persons serving on the Formation side of the Committee on Ministry (COM) help to develop potential pastors; to walk with a person who feels the nudge to travel the road to ordination; to help the person discern if the call is for ordination as ordained clergy or some other path of servanthood in the kingdom.

Then if you would serve on the Standing side of COM, you would be supporting and guiding person already ordained as clergy. You would be a combination of a soft-edged patrol boat and the opener of good things to come for a congregation.

Are you more gifts for secretarial-type work? COM would be delighted for your talent?

Are you great at attracting volunteers who in turn attract new servants to the ship? The Nominating Committee welcomes you with wide-open arms!

Please use mestme@aol.com to answer the call! Rev. Mary Etta Mest, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

REMINDER:

COMBINED CHOIR AGAIN!!! PLEASE email Sharon Morris with the number of folks you plan on sending. We will get the music to you! Choir members will be asked to register as choir when we open registration. More info to come! revsmorris@gmail.com

Deadline for any church announcements for the November bulletin insert is October 21. Send to covenantassociation@yahoo.com