

**PRAYER PROFILE: YORK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** – a Valley Neighborhood congregation

*We have many stories to tell and many more yet to write, with God's help. We seek to be a loving, sharing body of Christ where all are welcome and accepted.*

**History:**

The story of York United Presbyterian Church began in 1813 when settlers—mostly Presbyterians from Scotland—immigrated to the fertile Genesee River valley. They gathered regularly in the central Village of York for Sunday worship services and other activities designed to provide Christian education and spiritual support to the surrounding community. According to the 2010 U.S. Census the Town of York's population was 3397. For sure, the most famous temporary resident of York was Chester Alan Arthur who was reluctantly elected vice-president of the United States in the national election of 1880, becoming the 21<sup>st</sup> president of the nation just eight months later following the assassination of President James Garfield.



**Current Status:**

York United Presbyterian Church remains a vibrant Christian congregation engaged in multiple ministries pertinent to the life and spiritual resiliency of the community.

- A well-stocked food pantry provides food and emergency supplies throughout the year—including, at this time of COVID-19, by appointments made through the church office or website (info below)
- The Christmas and Easter sharing events provide full holiday dinners, gifts, and seasonal clothing for individuals and families in the York area
- Always ready to go wherever God may send, leaders, congregational members, and youth groups have participated in mission work trips to clean-up and recovery after Hurricane Sandy, to impoverished towns in West Virginia, and they have partnered in children's ministry with churches in urban Baltimore



Despite the many restrictions resulting from the public health response to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, the York PC congregation has demonstrated remarkable resiliency and creativity in the new world of virtual church life:

- The on-line vacation Bible school offered from July 6 – 10 hosted 25 children and youth, offering age-appropriate curricula, on-line classes, home-work assignments, and the active participation of parents and volunteer-teachers under the energetic guidance of Pastor Michelle Sumption
- Sunday worship services have been well attended, via Facebook and YouTube video-streaming (easily reachable using the links available on the church website)
- Church fellowship groups are also meeting regularly via ZOOM, including a monthly youth group, a weekly children's chat, and a very well attended weekly ZOOM coffee hour where all issues are enthusiastically reviewed

**Prayers offered and requested:**

- For comfort and healing for all those experiencing physical or emotional issues
- For those now isolated from family, friends, and community as a result of the COVID pandemic
- For continuing blessings and hope for all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and savior

**York United Presbyterian Church**

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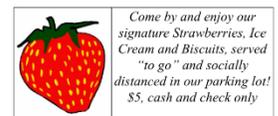
**Worship Service:** Sundays 11 a.m. from Labor Day to Memorial Day, 10 a.m. during summer

York United Presbyterian Church

**Strawberry Dessert  
Drive-Thru**

Thursday, July 9th 2020

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



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At York United Presbyterian Church, 2666 Main St, York