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Mountain View District has a Facebook Page!

Please go to our Facebook Page and "like". Also please, feel free to add comments if led to do so!

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* Please be aware that beginning the first week of May the District Newsletter will no longer be emailed. You will find the newsletter on our website. Here is the link to the Mountain View District Website:
www.MountainViewUNY.org

Nancy's Notes - #32

Hello, Friends.

I trust that you each had a glorious Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

I need to tell you that my worship experience on Easter Sunday was not what I hoped it would be. Rest assured that I did not worship on the Mountain View District or even in a United Methodist Church. I wasn't even in New York state, but that doesn't matter. What matters, what concerns me, what disturbs me, what disgusts me, what saddens me, is that during the sermon, the pastor NEVER said, "Christ is risen!" Not ever – not once! Jesus was never mentioned throughout the sermon! On Easter!

I am confident that that did NOT happen in any of the churches on the Mountain View District! I hope it didn't happen anywhere else on the planet, but I'm afraid that that isn't the case...

Friends, the good news (Good News) is that "because Christ lives, we can face to-morrow!" (Bill and Gloria Gaither, ©1971, UMH, #364. We need to share this Good News with people who don't know, or who have forgotten, or who may have never heard or who may have heard but don't believe it's true for them. We need to continue to "tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love." (Hankey and Fischer, UMH #156). Make no mistake – we need to tell the old, old story, in some new, new ways. This is hard, but necessary. The MESSAGE doesn't change. The way we proclaim it needs to change, so that those who will never walk in the doors of our church buildings will hear and come to know the difference that the Risen Christ desires to make in their lives.

Go out and proclaim the greatest news there is: Christ is alive "and life is worth the living just because He lives." (UMH #364). Hallelujah!

With you in the journey, and rejoicing in the Risen Christ, Nancy

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

NORTH CHEMUNG UMC – Chicken & Biscuits

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

WHERE: North Chemung UMC- 677 Breesport North Chemung Rd.
Lowman, NY 14861

SERVING TIMES : Starting at 4:30 pm

COST: \$6.00 per person

All are welcome!!!

PINE VALLEY UMC YOUTH- Breakfast Buffet (benefits Campership Fund)

WHEN: Saturday, April 18, 2015

WHERE: Pine Valley UMC- 519 Pine Valley Rd., Pine Valley, NY 14872
(is located at the corner of Pine Valley Rd & State RT 14.)

SERVING TIMES : 8:00-11:00 am

COST: Adults: \$5.00 Children under 12: \$3.00

MENU: Blueberry, Pecan, Chocolate Chip & Plain Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Juice, Coffee & more Eat-in or take-out

For more information contact Lou or Diane Bower at:(607) 426-6699

TYRONE UMC Spring Chicken BBQ

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2015

WHERE: Tyrone United Methodist Church
3647 Church Hill Rd (off from State Rt. 226 and County Rt. 23)
Tyrone, NY 14887

SERVING TIMES : 4 pm until sold out

COST: \$9.00

MENU: ½ BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Deviled Eggs, Rolls and your selection from Home Made Pies.

Eat In or Take Out

Proceeds to benefit the Tyrone United Methodist Women's Mission Fund

The Spiritual Leadership Ministry Oversight Team would like to invite individuals, congregations, and groups within the Upper NY Conference to submit grant proposals that would address our stated mission of *encouraging and developing leadership within the laity and clergy that is diverse and unified by our love of Christ.* The vision of this ministry team is to deepen the spiritual lives of individuals and, in turn, local congregations. We believe that a deep spiritual life is key to excellent leadership within the church and that both lay and clergy leadership excellence is necessary to our mission of sharing God's love. We believe that leaders who are engaged in a personal relationship with God and who are intentional about deepening that relationship, who can listen deeply for the movement of God in their own lives and the lives of others, who can be a non-anxious presence in a world where the broken places fuel anxiety and fear; these are the leaders we need to develop, support and nurture. The grant request form is attached to this newsletter; these grant proposals should be submitted no later than May 10th, 2015 to the Spiritual Leadership Ministry Team, c/o Nancy Dibelius, unyslmt@gmail.com.

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- Avoca & Mitchellsville UMC's and Pastor Barre Butts
 - Bath Centenary UMC Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth
 - Beaver Dams & Corning Grace UMC's and Rev. Don Guiles
 - Belmont & Scio UMC's and Pastor Dick Hurd
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Events Going on in Mountain View District

Lifetree Cafe meets each **Monday evening at 7pm.** Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at Fresh Start Corner, Arnot Mall (Across from Ruby Tuesdays).

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Sue Dunlap at lifetreecafe@freshstartmall.org.

For more information, please visit our Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/lifetreecafearnotmall>

Bath Centenary UMC – Men's Bible Study

WHEN: Thursday Evenings

WHERE: 3 W. Washington St., Bath, NY 14810

TIME: 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

DESCRIPTION: Prayer, Worship, Study & Accountability. All men are invited, welcomed and encouraged to join us for a time of prayerful worship, Bible study, and time for fellowship for accountability to God, ministry for His church and our families.

CONTACT: Jessepruitt62@gmail.com or call 631-416-8115

NEW BEGINNINGS UMC – UMW Rummage Sale

WHEN: **Saturday April 11th**

WHERE: 300 E. Miller St., Elmira, NY 14904

TIME: 9 am - 2 pm

Avoca UMC Pancake Breakfast

WHEN: **Sunday, April 12, 2015**

WHERE: Avoca UMC- 8593 Jacob's Ladder Road, Avoca, NY 14809
(corner of Jacob's Ladder Road and State Route 415 -one mile north of the village of Avoca)

SERVING TIMES : 8:00-10:00 am

MENU: Buffet Serving- Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Applesauce, Juice, Coffee, Tea

This will be the last Breakfast until September!

WESTSIDE UMC – "Bone Builders" exercise sessions starting

WHEN: **Beginning Mon. April 13th** (Every Mon. & Wed.)

WHERE: 743 W. First St., Elmira, NY 14905
(on the corner of W. First St. & Foster Ave.)

TIME: 2-3 pm

DESCRIPTION: The Westside UMC will be sponsoring "Bone Builders" exercise sessions starting April 13th. This unique exercise experience helps participants with improving balance, strengthening muscles and reducing the risks of osteoporosis. These exercises will also help improve osteoporosis in those who have it. Sessions will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 2-3 pm and are open to the community. There is no charge. For questions please call **Carolyn Howell at 607-796-2248**

NORTH CHEMUNG UMC Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

WHEN: **April 15th** (Third Wednesday of each month)

WHERE: North Chemung UMC, 677 Breesport N. Chemung Road,
Lowman, NY 14861

SERVING TIMES: 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

COST: Adults \$8

MENU: Chicken & gravy with biscuit, potatoes & gravy, your choice of coleslaw or applesauce, your choice of vegetable (changes with the seasons) Your choice of homemade dessert and tea, coffee, lemonade or water.

Take-out available

Bath Centenary UMC – Spiritual Time of Rhyme Poetry Nite

***WHEN:* Saturday April 18th 2015**

***WHERE:* 3 W. Washington St., Bath, NY 14810**

***TIME:* 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm**

Centenary United Methodist Church is inviting your congregation to a Spiritual Poetry Nite. **The theme is “Newness of the Spirit.”** Enjoy religious prose and scripture as you have dessert and coffee.

DESCRIPTION: This event is to raise funds for Mike and Liz Humphrey and their son Caedmon, who are in the midst of a music missionary venture in Ukraine. They have received training through YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and are now doing the Lord’s work in the field portion of their music missionary efforts. Your financial support is encouraged and appreciated! A free will donation will be collected.

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT UMW DATES

April 18 Day Apart at Horseheads

May 18 Spring District Dinner at Watson Homestead

July 17 - 19 Mission u at Cazenovia College

September 26 Fall District Meeting at New Beginnings

UP!WORD`15 Conference Youth Gathering is Approaching!(Apr.24-26)

...But there’s still time to organize your youth/youth group and attend this awesome and fun event! Information on registration can be found on the Conference website (unyumc.org). If you don’t have enough youth to economically fill hotel room(s), or have an odd number, there is help available! Please contact Pastor Eleanor Collinsworth at egcollinsworth@gmail.com or at (315) 745-0047 and she can help you link up with other youth/youth groups who are in the same situation. This event is the highlight of the year for youth activities at the Conference level - great music, inspiring worship services planned and led by youth, fun workshops, and more! Let’s show up and show our Mountain View District pride!

Seeking Music Director!

Bath: Centenary United Methodist Church is seeking a Music Director to coordinate and lead its music ministries at its two weekly Sunday morning worship services (one traditional/blended service and one blended/contemporary service). Two years’ experience in a Christian music program (paid or volunteer) is a must. This is a 12-16 hour per week position. Hours and salary are negotiable, and salary is commensurate with

experience. Interest and inquiries should be directed to the church office at (607) 776-3434 or cumcbath@verizon.net.

OTHER NEWS

Registration for the 2015 Annual Conference session

Registration is open for the Upper New York Annual Conference session being held **May 27-30** at the OnCenter, Syracuse.

To register, go to <http://www.unyumc.org> and fill out the form or call Julie 1-855-424-7878 ext. 303.

Technical questions about the registration form can be addressed to AshleyRiddell@unyumc.org.

Other registration questions should be sent to vicki@unyumc.org.

Save the date: Pre-conference briefings schedule announced

The Upper New York Conference is announcing the locations for the Pre-Conference Briefings to be held this May. Each briefing will be preceded by a 30-minute coffee/snack and fellowship time. The locations, dates and times are as follows:

May 2

[Asbury Camp & Retreat Center](#) from 9-11 a.m.

[Findley Camp & Retreat Center](#) from 2-4 p.m.

May 9

[Potsdam UMC](#) from 9-11 a.m.

[Saratoga Springs UMC](#) from 3-5 p.m.

May 16

[Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center](#) from 9-11 a.m.

[Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center](#) from 2-4 p.m.

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Fourth annual NFC event takes a 'Church in a Diner' approach

The Rev. Tom Arthur is the mastermind behind the launch of "[Church in a Diner](#)" at his church in Lansing, Mich., a nationally recognized low-cost and innovative approach to launching new faith communities. In just two years, the congregation of the Sycamore Creek Church has grown by more than 20 percent. Rev. Arthur will be in Upper New York **April 24-25** for the Conference's fourth annual New Faith Community event at the Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center. He will be the keynote speaker and will share the story of why and how he has created this vibrant new way of making disciples. For more on this event go to

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/2015-church-in-a-diner-event>

21th Annual PALESTINIAN Dinner

WHEN: Friday, May 29th

WHERE: at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 232 E. Onondaga St. (2 ½ blocks from On Center)

SERVING TIMES : 5:15 PM~ Authentic Palestinian buffet

COST: \$15.00~ Make checks payable to UNYAC ("Palestinian Dinner "on the memo line)

PROGRAM: Ariel Gold and her children, Elijah and Isabella returned to Palestine/Israel in December for 3 weeks staying mostly in the West Bank. On her mother's blog, Isabella told how she felt safer in the West Bank than in Israel. Come and hear all 3 share their experiences.

For reservations: Linda Bergh (315-492-8507), 116 Edna Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205 or

Karen Peterson (607-739-3141), 116 Greenridge Drive, Horseheads, NY 14845

Nominations sought for Harry Denman Evangelism Award

The Foundation for Evangelism is a non-profit organization, serving ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Each year it celebrates the outstanding personal evangelism ministry of United Methodist clergy, laity and youth by sponsoring the Harry Denman Evangelism Award. You may submit nominations for the award to the

Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, Director of Connectional Ministries, via email at DCMOffice@unyumc.org. To learn more about the award and download the nomination form, go to :

<http://foundationforevangelism.org/recognition/harry-denman-evangelism-award/> for the application deadline is April 15, 2015

New Conference Website!

Why not visit it today? Same address as the former one, www.unyumc.org

The Upper New York Conference has just launched a brand new dynamic website featuring easy navigation, vibrant graphics, and a variety of tools to let members of the Conference better share their stories.

Please send questions or comments to the Conference Director of Communications Stephen J. Hustedt at SteveHustedt@unyumc.org

Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS) is April 19(or any date chosen by your church to celebrate this Special Sunday). It is our hope that every church in the UNY Conference will celebrate this special Sunday.

While someone from CONAM would love to visit every church in the Conference this is not possible! There are excellent resources available through UMC Giving to help you plan a service for NAMS.

The "Pastor and Leader's Kit at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/resource-articles/nativeamerican-ministries-sunday-pastor-and-leaders-kit>

contains stories, sermon starters, hymns, a bulletin insert, videos, Facebook pages, and more. The resource labeled "10 Ways to Celebrate" has specific suggestions for planning a service/celebration and even a picture of the Seneca Hymn Singers who meet at Four Corners UMC right in our UNY Conference! Please review these resources. I know you will find several or more you can use in your church to celebrate this important Sunday.

Waters of Repentance by Blenda Smith

Commission on Religion & Race

Committee on Native American Ministries

"But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty river." (Amos 5:24) Rivers, lakes and water flow freely in upper New York. As a symbol of flowing together with a genuine desire to journey toward justice with our Native American sisters and brothers, each local church is asked to bring a small plastic or glass jar or bottle of water from its geographic area. Please have your local church pray over and bless the water before bringing it to Annual Conference. It will be used during our Act of Repentance Service on May 27th at 7 PM. These New York waters with which Native Americans and European Americans have quenched thirst, navigated, irrigated land, sustained life and health, played and produced crops will come together at Annual Conference that evening to symbolize our desire to acknowledge and repent for the history, historic trauma, and current realities of Native Americans in the Upper New York area.

Why an Act of Repentance & Healing of Relationships with Indigenous Persons at Annual Conference? At General Conference 2012, the worldwide United Methodist Church experienced a Service of Repentance & Healing of Relationships with Indigenous Persons. That service guided people to understand the history, historical trauma and current realities for indigenous persons around the world. A resolution passed at that time committed all United Methodists to listen and learn from indigenous persons (Native

Americans for Upper New York) before being ready to experience an Act of Repentance & Healing at their own Annual & Central Conferences. Repentance means understanding wrongs, truly apologizing and turning in new directions to build trust, healthy relationships and hope. Only then will people be ready to build authentic relationships with our Native American sisters and brothers.

Since 2012, the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) in UNY has led Annual Conference workshops and presentations, 14 District Learning Sessions, and United Methodist Women's District events to help United Methodists listen & learn. Wherever your local church is on this journey of listening, learning and preparing to repent, please join us as we move forward toward righteousness and justice.

NEWS FROM THE CONFERENCE OFFICE

On the Conference Calendar

March 4 - AC Session registration opens

April 6 - Anticipated publication date for the Pre-Conference Booklet

May 1 - AC Session Registration ends

May 2, 9, & 16 - Pre-Conference Briefings - see below

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