

**Genesee Valley District
Upper New York Annual Conference Of The United Methodist
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E-News from the Valley!!!!

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E-News is an email communication tool (sent each Thursday) of the Genesee Valley District Office to clergy and laity across the District. For inclusion in the e-news please submit articles by noon on Wednesday.

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(1) NEW! Note from the D.S.

_lent... in the valley...

*we...the body of Christ in the Genesee Valley District of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church... are ...
...to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places!*

living like Jesus lived... got him in trouble...

saying what Jesus said... stirred people up...

healing like Jesus healed... kept people wondering...

Jesus was and is the Son of God...Emmanuel... God with us
and He got in trouble...had people wondering and buzzing not necessarily in a positive way...

because of the healing He offered...the things He said... and the way He lived...

are we...the followers of Jesus today... making people wonder at the healing among us?

are we... the followers of Jesus today...stirring people up through what we are saying?

are we ... the followers of Jesus today... in trouble because of the Christ-like way we live?

at the end of this season...of this week...there is a cross...

...perhaps we should gather there ... remember and recommit

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A look at the upcoming weeks 03/27/2015 – 05/01/2015

Friday, March 27, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

Monday, March 30, 2015 = Ted is away

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 = Appointment (12:00pm)

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 = Appointment (12:00pm)

Friday, April 3, 2015 = Office Closed

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Visit to Canandaigua UMC

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Visit to Adams Basin (2:00pm)

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (4:30pm gather;
5:00pm eat)

Tuesday, April 14 – Saturday, April 18, 2015 = Ted is away at out of town
meetings

Sunday, April 19, 2015 = Visit to Nunda UMC

Sunday, April 19, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ The Anderson's (4:30pm gather;
5:00pm eat)

Monday, April 20, 2015 = Visit to New Life UMC (7:00pm)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 = Appointment (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 = dCOM meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (5:30pm gather;
6:00pm eat)

Thursday, April 23, 2015 = Appointment (12:00pm)

Thursday, April 23, 2015 (4:00pm) – Sunday, April 26, 2015 = UPWORD!

Monday, April 27, 2015 – Wednesday, April 29, 2015 = Ted is away at out of
town meetings

Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Vital Congregational Meeting with District
Leadership Team @ Rush UMC (12:00 – 1:30pm)

Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Meeting @ Rush UMC (1:30pm)

Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (5:30pm gather;
6:00pm eat)

Friday, May 1, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

****Please note: Whenever Ted is traveling or in multiple day meetings you may
call the District Office and Betsy will know how to reach him.****

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(2) NEW! Joys & Concerns

Please keep the family of **Margaret "Peg" Anderson** in your prayers. Mrs. Anderson, 88, died on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. She was the mother of Genesee Valley District Superintendent the Rev. Ted Anderson. A private family service will be held on March 29 in Indiana. Additional arrangements will be made at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the Rev. Ted and Mary Anderson, 22 Osage Trail, Spencerport, N.Y. 14559.

Prayers are requested for Pastor Joanne Vineyard and Family. Her husband **George** is experiencing health issues. Cards can be sent to George Vineyard, 99 Gardeau St., Perry, NY, 14530, or greetings sent via email to: geovine@frontiernet.net.

Prayers are requested for Rev. Kit Snyder (West Barre & Oakfield UMC's) and Family. Kit's dad, **Ted Husted**, passed away on March 18. Let's all keep Kit and her family in our prayers. Kit's address is: 17 Mill Street, Oakfield, NY 14125. The funeral will be Friday the 27th at 11 am at the [Lakewood UMC](#).

We ask that you keep the following people from the district in your prayers: George Aberle; the Rev. Sunny Mauser; the Rev. Lee Williams

If you have prayer concerns or joys that you would like listed on the e-news, please contact the district office. We welcome all information.

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(3) Upcoming Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 2, 2015 = Pre-Conference Briefing @ Asbury Camp & Retreat Center (9:00am – 11:00am)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Breakfast or Lunch @ Genesee UMC (8:30am-10:00am OR 12:00noon to 1:30pm)

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Lunch @ Bergen UMC (12:00noon to 1:30pm)

Thursday, June 18, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Breakfast or Lunch @ Rochester: Asbury First UMC (8:30am to 10:00am OR 12:00noon to 1:30pm)

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(4) NEW! Bishop Mark J. Webb announces the following appointments in Genesee Valley District:

Genesee Valley:

Rev. Ted Anderson is appointed for one more year as the District Superintendent

- Leland J. Carlson is appointed as a full elder to Shenendehowa UMC (Albany District) effective July 1, 2015
- James W. Stevens is appointed as a full elder to Owego UMC (Binghamton District) effective July 1, 2015
- Burton Smith is appointed as a retired elder part time to Naples Trinity Federated Church effective February 8, 2015 – June 30, 2015.
- Rev. Nola Anderson as a Conference Superintendent assigned to the Crossroads District
- Devin Lyles is appointed as a provisional elder less than full time to Rush and the New Faith Community “The Pillar” effective March 1, 2015.
- Stephen Michael Cady II is appointed as a full elder to Rochester: Asbury First UMC as Senior Pastor effective July 1, 2015.

Bishop Webb announces the following retirements July 1, 2015 pending approval at clergy session:

- Susan Shafer

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(5) NEW! CRCDS presents Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service, a special tradition at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, takes place this year on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 6:30 a.m.

We invite you to gather with us on the South Terrace at CRCDS to celebrate the joy of this beautiful season. Friends, families, students, clergy and community partners are welcome.

The CRCDS Easter Sunrise service is presented in conjunction with Asbury First United Methodist Church, Third Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

For more information, please call (585) 340-9643 or email: ddiederich@crcds.edu
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(6) NEW! Useful Resources - April

Announcement: Useful Resources - April

Each month, the Upper New York Conference Communications Ministry Team provides a list of dates and links to resources that churches and individuals may find helpful in preparation for worship and other occasions. Click on the links to find resources and more information.

- April 2, [Holy Thursday](#) celebrates the institution of the Eucharist.
- April 3, [Good Friday](#) commemorates the crucifixion of Christ in the tomb.
- April 4, [Holy Saturday](#) recalls the repose of Christ in the tomb.
- April 5, [Easter Sunday](#) celebrates Christ's resurrection.
- April 19, [Native American Ministries Sunday](#) (offering) recognizes the contributions of Native Americans to society; offering funds Native American ministries, urban ministries and seminary scholarships.
- April 22, [Earth Day](#) demonstrates support for environmental protection
- April 25, [World Malaria Day](#) focuses on eliminating deaths and suffering from malaria.

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(7) NEW! CRCDS SPRING LECTURES, REFLECTION, REUNION AND WORSHIP, APRIL 7-9, 2015

We invite students, faculty, staff, clergy, community and friends to join us for the upcoming Spring Lecture Series, "God's Time is Now: Re-cultivating the 'Garden' . . . tending Creation as People of Faith" on Tuesday, April 7, Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9, 2015. Included in the Lecture Series are discussions, exhibits, chapel services, community lunches, garden tours and lectures. *All events are free and open to the public.* Alumni/ae and Community lunches are available at noon each day at a cost of \$10 per person. All meals are free for each member of the classes of 2005, 1990 and 1965 and one guest. Continuing Education credits are available (\$50 for the week of lectures; please contact the Registrar at (585) 340-9632 before March 30, 2015.

For a complete brochure listing speaker information, lecture topics and other information, please click on the word "[Brochure](#)" below. For registration information, please call (585) 340-9643, email ddiederich@crcds.edu or visit www.crcds.edu/spring-lecture-week/

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(8) Registration for the 2015 Annual Conference session opens

Registration is now open for the Upper New York Annual Conference session being held May 27-30 at the OnCenter, Syracuse. To register, [click here](#) and fill out the form.

Technical questions about the registration form can be addressed to AshleyRiddell@unyumc.org. Other registration questions should be sent to vicki@unyumc.org.

[Click here](#) for more news and information about the Annual Conference session.

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(9) GVD announces Equalization Members for Annual Conference

The following people have been chosen to represent Genesee Valley District as an Equalization Member for the 2015 Annual Conference:

Zach Brown, John Church, Valerie Clark, Chelsea Haylett, Dorothy Hotchkiss, Courtney Jackson, Tracy Jackson, Faith Jones, Kelsea Jones, Nancy Jordan, Dean McEneaney, Mike Murdie, Ellegra Nier, Rhyse Nier, Terry Norsen, Betsy O'Flynn, Riley O'Flynn, Bethany Printup-Davis, Derek Smith, Jon Standhart, Vicki Standhart, Ian Urriola, Pat VanVleck,

There are still a few spots left if you are interested in being an Equalization Member. Please contact the District Office.

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(10) 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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(11) Committee Meetings

The Genesee Valley Lay Servant Committee meets at 4:30 pm on Third Monday's of the month at Bill Grey's in Henrietta. The next meeting is April 20th in the room behind the fireplace. All lay servants are invited and encouraged to attend when they are able. Everyone's input is valued.

Please note: the district office is available to send out reminder cards for your meetings if you notify us in advance that you wish this done.

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Local Church Events and Announcements

(12) NEW! Adams Basin is looking for a plumber referral(s)

Is there anyone you would recommend who might be able to do some work for us at the Adams Basin UMC? Contact Debbi Hill at 469-2197. Thank you!

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(13) NEW! Adams Basin to offer CD

Adams Basin UMC choir is very excited to announce that we have produced our second CD, "Breath of Heaven."

These songs are included: Rock A My Soul, Fishers of Men (a cappella); Down to the River to Pray, Swing Low/Chariot's a Comin', How Can I Keep from Singing?, Breath of Heaven (all vocals by Chelsea Haag), Sing a Jubilant Song, With Open Hands, I Go to the Rock, and With Crowns of Praise.

Copies of our first CD, "Seasons", also available.

Voices: Suzanne Feuerherm, Cindy Haag, Chelsea Haag, Becky Hansen, Derek Hansen, Debbi Hill, and John Centrone (who also engineered the CD).

Copies are available for a donation of \$15.

Contact: Cindy Haag -- cindyhaag@live.com 585-298-2574 or Debbi Hill 585-469-2197

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(14) NEW! Ionia UMC to hold a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Saturday, April 18th,

4:30 – 7:00 PM.

A delicious dinner with all the fixings and dessert, served buffet style, will be held at the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Rd., just off Route 64 and Routes 5 & 20.

Take-outs will be available.

Prices: Adult \$ 9, senior citizens 65 & over \$ 8, children ages 5-9 \$ 4, and children 4 & under are free.

For more information, call 585-657-6984.

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(15) Livonia UMC to hold Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner at the United Methodist Church of Livonia, 21 Summers Street, Livonia, the second Wednesday of every month - next one is **April 8th**.

Meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and finger food desserts.

Adults \$6; children 10 years and under \$3.

Serving 5:00-7:00 pm - We hope you can join us for dinner!

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(16) Churchville UMC to hold a Pie & Dessert Sale

Pie and Dessert Sale at Churchville UMC on April 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (or sold out),

The church is located at 24 West Buffalo Street, 14428.

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(17) Webster UMC to hold Easter Drama

The United Methodist Church of Webster invites ALL to an Easter Drama “**40 Days**”; on **April 2, 3 & 4th at 7:00 pm** – at 169 East Main St, Webster.

Hear the Easter Story...Bewilderment, Doubt, Confusion ...Trust and Faith — **What WAS it like AFTER the Resurrection?**

Experience the 40 days after Jesus rose - through the eyes of his disciples and followers.

All are welcome, family friendly ...Free Admission. Free will offering supporting the Drama Ministry

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(18) East Rochester UMC to host Easter Egg Hunt for Children with Special Needs

Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10:00am to 12:00noon at 357-375 Fairport Rd, East Rochester NY 14445

Sometimes Easter Egg Hunts are challenging for children with different abilities or special needs. Some children run, while others may need to roll. Some children might need assistance if vision is a challenge. Some might move more slowly than others. Everyone needs a chance to have fun!

Families and children with special needs are welcome to attend and participate in this first ever special event. Please see the attached flyer

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