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**Oneonta District Office of the United Methodist Church
of the Upper New York Annual Conference**

"Living the gospel of Jesus Christ and Being God's love with our neighbors in all places."

Please share this issue of the Oneonta District Newsletter with church members and staff, teams and organizations. If you wish to include news about your missions or disciple formation ministries, please send it on Mondays to be published – that week – email

to: OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org



Together, let us pray for

All the families and friends of those killed, in the tragic shootings in Orlando, Fla.

Pastor Carol Coltrain, Huntersland UMC, continuing to recover from surgery

Pastors and congregations preparing for appointment transitions

[United Methodist Women \(UMW\)](#)

Please join us in

Welcoming:

- Cheryl Hine – Appointed as part time Local Pastor to Bainbridge UMC – Effective Aug., 1 2016
- Penny Harrington – Supply to Unadilla Center and SandHill UMCs –effective July 1, 2016
- Ed Honrath – Appointed as Supply to Mount Upton UMC Effective July 1 2016
- Anna Blinn Cole – Appointed as Full Time Local Pastor to Warnerville/Cobleskill/All Schoharie Regional Churches – Effective July 1, 2016.
- Thomas LeBeau - Appointed as a full elder to Cooperstown UMC -effective July 1, 2016.
- Everett Bassett – Appointed Oneonta District Superintendent – Effective July 1, 2016.

Saying Farewell to:

- Gary Kubitz - Appointed as a provisional elder to Voorheesville: First UMC (Albany District) effective July 1, 2016.
- Justin Hood – Appointment as Full Time Local Pastor to Brewerton/Phoenix (Crossroads District) effective July 1, 2016.

Retiring effective July 1, 2016:

- *Jan McClary Rowell *William Delia *Nancy Dulkis Dale Schneeberger
* Carl Phillip Young – From honorable location to retiring

[Click here for Clergy Appointment list as of June 4 2016](#)

Note* - for July 1st - Sept 1st the District Newsletter will be published every two week (*instead of weekly*)

Events

June 16-18, 2016 - [Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting at the On Center, Syracuse, NY](#)

July 13 - *Oneonta District Lay Servant committee meeting* -at Elm Park UMC at 10 am

August 16 – Mentor Training –(Oneonta & Mohawk District) 10am to 2pm at the Herkimer UMC, 127 N Prospect St. Herkimer, NY 13350 . Lunch is provided. [Details](#)

Oct. 25-27, 2016 - [The Bishops Retreat](#) - at the Conference and Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY

2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs registration opens

Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs. "We are excited about the high quality and excellent variety of programs being offered this summer," said Mike Huber, UNY Conference Di-



rector of Camp & Retreat Ministries. "The CRM team, in collaboration with hundreds of volunteers, has created programs specifically designed for spiritual growth, birth, and renewal." Click below for details

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/2016-summer-camp-retreat-programs-registration-opens>

❖ **Local Church News**

Bible Study - How Healthy is your church?

July 6 – August 10, Wednesdays at 6:30 – 8:00 at Unadilla Center: A six week study of the health of our churches using the book, "Autopsy of A Deceased Church" by Thom Rainer. Our time together will include group discussions based on the book, as well as time for each congregation to examine the health of their own church. Our goal by the end of the session is for each congregation to have some specific doable goals to improve the health of each of our churches, with plans on how to reach those goals that are relevant to each individual church. The book is \$5.00 from Christianbook.com or books can be ordered by letting Claudia Jenkins know by June 19. Please read the first two Chapters for July 6. For more information contact Claudia Jenkins at cjgs@frontiernet.net or call 607-563-7713.



Position Opening : The **Sidney United Methodist Church** is seeking applications for a youth ministry coordinator to lead and grow an established Thursday evening youth and family ministry program. Duties will include reaching out to and connecting with youth in the Sidney community and recruiting adult help from within the Sidney UMC congregation. The youth ministry coordinator will be expected to attend Sunday service regularly. The work schedule will range from 8 to 10 hours per week, and pay will be between \$12 and \$15 per hour, based on experience. Position begins July 1, 2016. Please call the Sidney United Methodist Church at 607-563-1921 if you are interested.

❖ **For the community**



Greater Chenango Cares - July 15 – July 24th - 8:00 am- 5:00 pm -at Norwich City High School, Midland Dr. Norwich, NY

Services Are Provided at **No-Cost**

Dental: This service must be pre-scheduled Cleanings, Fillings, Fluoride Treatments, and Simple Extractions

Medical: Sports and School Physicals, Prescription Consults, Risk Assessment for: risk factors for Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Nutrition Counseling, Pain Management, etc.

Optometry: This service must be pre-scheduled testing for Cataracts, Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration. Visual examinations for single-focal distance or reading prescription glasses. Your choice of one pair of prescription glasses (distance or reading) manufactured on-site for pick-up and fitting. No charge! Last day to pick-up glasses morning of July 24th.

Veterinary This service must be pre-scheduled: Spay and Neuter- No schedule appointments available at this time **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED** -Rabies Vaccinations for companion animals (dogs/cats)

Dental and Optometry Services: 607-337-4320

Want to Volunteer? Contact: **Chenango United Way at: 607-334-8815 or June 1st**
check their website @ www.volunteer.chenangouw.org/aem

No residency, income or insurance requirements. Walk-ins welcome for Medical.

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreaterChenangoCares **or**

Contact us by email at: greaterchenangocares@gmail.com

Legacy Ministry website has launched

The *Legacy* Ministry website is now available. The website will introduce people to *Legacy* Ministry and what it's about so they can see if it is something they want to explore. *Legacy* Ministry seeks to help congregations that are "having trouble staying in operation and who express that they're having..."

[Click here for Information about 2016 Annual Conference](#)

Download the AC wrap-up issue of the *Bridge* - The Annual Conference wrap-up issue of the *Bridge* is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. [Click here](#) to select the version you prefer and make copies as needed. This issue of the *Bridge* features a comprehensive wrap-up of the 2016 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference.

Registration is now open for The 2016 Bishop's Retreat -Oct. 25-27, 2016 at the Conference and Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY. [Click here for information and to register .](#)

Limited copies available to purchase -A Disciples Path- Daily Workbook (Deepening your relationship with Christ and the Church) By: James Harnish with Justin LaRosa. Cost \$ 8.00 ea. – If you would like to purchase this workbook please contact Teresa at the District Office – Email : OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org or by phone : (607) 441-5102

Save the date:

UMM Retreat in September

The Oneonta and Binghamton District United Methodist Men will host Upper New York's annual Christian Men Retreat September 16-17 at the Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor. This year's theme is "Giving God your all." Former Harvard University and Seattle Seahawk linebacker Isaiah Kacyvenski - who was the Seattle Seahawks' Special Teams Captain three years in a row, helped lead the team to Super Bowl XL, and grew up in Endicott - will serve as the keynote speaker. The retreat will also feature the Mark Bolos Praise Band.



For more information and to register, contact UNY UMM President Mark Jones at (315) 749-3700 or msjwelshman@yahoo.com.

***The Binghamton District's United Methodist
Men's Night at the Ball Game
Thursday, June 23rd -NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton.
Tickets are \$8.00 (and are available now)***

Binghamton District Superintendent the Rev.Dr. David Kofahl will throw out the first ball. Last year's event was the best in its eight-year run - it raised \$1,800.00 for the Society of St. Andrew, \$300.00 for the Upper Room Prayer Line, and \$300 to enable another UMM Conference project.

This year, the largest portion of proceeds will go to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) and the Broome County Council of Churches, and lesser amounts will be sent to the Upper Room Prayer Line and the Society of St. Andrew to feed the hungry.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Ken Summers at (607)785-0406 or kensummers28@gmail.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & Reminders from the UNY Finance Department

*****July 2016 invoices** will be uploaded and sent out sometime between July 15th and July 20th due to appointment changes causing adjustments in the billing process.

*****Donations made at the 2016 Annual Conference** will not be reflected on your monthly invoice for the church. However, you should make sure the donations that were given are reported on your statistical information.

Reminder on the 2015 Church Audits

If the church has not already done so, please have your church audit completed as soon as possible. The deadline was March 15, 2016. Once completed, please mail a copy to your district office. There are about half of the churches in the conference who have completed the audit. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the audit process, you can contact the Administrative Assistant at your district office.

SUPPORT AFRICA 360



How to get involved ?

There are materials – brochures, bookmarks, envelopes can be ordered online, printable display, liturgy, and more at www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360 (churches can find tools at the Africa 360 toolkit, linked to that page as well) For youth, a local church in the Crossroads district has created a project, complete with video and craft project (downloadable from www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit), and includes cross-generational experiences for

congregations that are interested: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/prayer-partners-another-life-saving-tool-in-the-africa-360-toolkit>

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Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. –African Proverb

Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua – March 2017

A VIM opportunity in Nicaragua is being planned for late March – early April 2017. The team will work with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action/ AMC). Our UM missionary, Belinda Forbes, DDS, is our primary contact person. She and her agency, AMC, work with the “poorest of the poor” in this beautiful country, which is the second poorest in our hemisphere. The tasks of the team have not yet been determined, but they will include projects that will improve the lives of some of the people in Nicaragua. Possible projects might be construction of a pharmacy or community center, health education, assisting with dental care, or painting a clinic building. Hands-on, direct medical care will not be one of the projects. Team members will also have the opportunity to form relationships with the warm, friendly people with whom they work.

The team/s will be jointly sponsored by the Jonesville UMC and First UMC, Schenectady. Details have not yet been determined. There might be options to go for either 10 days or 2 weeks. Cost will be approximately \$2000--\$2500. This amount includes airfare, food, transportation in the country, lodging, translator fees – everything except souvenirs. Scholarship aid is often available.

If you are at all interested in being part of this opportunity and would like to receive information as details are worked out, contact Amy Pelc at me911j@hotmail.com or 518-698-5024 or Cindy Schulte at tacks5@hotmail.com or 518-374-3012 or Jan or Peter Huston at hustonjp24@gmail.com or 518-399-0919. Replying to this is not a commitment – just an indication of interest in learning more. Please also share any concerns or questions you have when you reply.

We hope you will be able to participate in the wonderful opportunity to be part of a Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua!

Chuck Knows Church videos on The Committee at <http://www.chuckknowschurch.com> The latest is Evangelism.–Other good ones are the Pilot, Hospitality, Reflecting the Community, and Our Purpose. Great for use with your Administrative Council or other leadership group! There is a downloadable discussion guide available for each segment.

Conference Job Posting - Anyone inquiring about any open positions can go to <http://www.unyumc.org/about/jobs> and use the online application system for applying for open positions. [Click here for Details](#)

The Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to building a diverse team. We strongly encourage women and men from all races and backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply.

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Webpage at: <http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta> See us on Face book: [Oneonta District United Methodists](#)

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