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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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FYI The Upper New York Conference, Episcopal, and District offices will be **closed on Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will **also be closed on Monday, June 1**, following the 2015 Upper New York Annual Conference session.

The Mountain View District office will be **closed from May 27 thru June 1** due to attending Annual Conference. We will **re-open on Tues. June 2**

There will not be a District Newsletter on May 28th.

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- New Beginnings UMC and Pastor Leanne Zeck
- Oakwood & Pine Valley UMC's and Pastor Fred Dyer
- United Church of Painted Post and Pastor Glenn Kennedy
- Penn Ave UMC and Pastor's Bill Vallet & Mark Erway

All in the Family

Please pray for:

- Continued prayers for our District Superintendent Nancy and all of the DS's as well as the Bishop as they work very hard to make the best decisions for the Appointments that need to be filled.
 - Keep our Annual Conference in your prayers this week as we gather in Syracuse next Wednesday thru Saturday.
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VBS PROGRAMS

If your church will be hosting a VBS program this summer please send me the detail and I will post them in the newsletter beginning June 4th.

2015 Annual Conference Prayer Tent

Mountain View District

Thursday, May 28th

2:00pm - 3:00pm

3:00pm - 4:15pm

4:15pm - 5:30pm

At this year's Annual Conference the Worship Team will be setting up a prayer tent within the Conference space; the idea of a 'prayer room' was not new to this year's team, but space has always been a challenge. With a little creativity and flexibility, we have been able to accommodate a 10' sq. tent that will be set up near the front of the Conference Room to the left of the stage area. We are inviting each District to invite representatives, **both lay and clergy**, to volunteer to be in prayer in the tent during all of our plenary sessions. Given the size of each District and the size of the tent, we will not need a large number of volunteers. We would encourage you to invite members from your District to feel free to use the tent as they feel led throughout our time at Annual Conference; there may be times when there isn't sufficient room for all who would like to enter, but we sincerely hope that all who wish to be part of this ministry will have the opportunity to do so.

These are our times and I would be blessed to hear from anyone who feels the Spirit's call to this prayer ministry. Right now there are only 8 spots left to be filled. Please contact Bob Briggs at 607-738-6439 or e-mail to scuba1989@aol.com for information on time slots remaining. May God bless you in the ministry effort.

Don't Forget About These

Are you an organized person? Mountain View District is seeking a person to be the district moving coordinator. Your responsibilities as the district coordinator would be: contacting the pastor, assigning a mover, collecting information which could affect scheduling (i.e. family events, needed work on parsonage). You would work with the Conference Moving Coordinator. Their responsibility is negotiating with moving companies and organizing the flow of the move.

If you possess this gift and think you are being called to this ministry, please **contact the district office as soon as possible** by calling 607-962-8047 or email mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org

Registration is Closed for 2015 Annual Conference Session

If you are not yet registered for the Upper New York Annual Conference session May 27-30 at the OnCenter, Syracuse, you will need to register on-site. There is now an extra cost; \$50 late registration fee.

All Churches Bring Water to AC

The Act of Repentance and Healing of Relationships with Indigenous Persons service will take place on **May 27th** at the upcoming session of Upper New York Annual Conference. This Act symbolizes a desire to acknowledge and repent for the history, historic trauma and current realities of Native Americans in the Upper New York area. Each church is asked to bring a small amount of water in a container. The water should be from the geographic area of the church and the local church should have prayers for the water before it is brought.

All Clergy Not Attending AC Must Be Excused By The Bishop

It is expected that all clergy will attend the 2015 Annual Conference session in its entirety. If there is a vital reason that you need to be excused from part or all of this year's session, you must write a letter stating the reason for your request and send it to:

Bishop Mark J. Webb
Episcopal Office
Upper New York Area
324 University Ave., 3rd Floor
Syracuse, N.Y. 13210
or email to: bishopsoffice@unyumc.org.

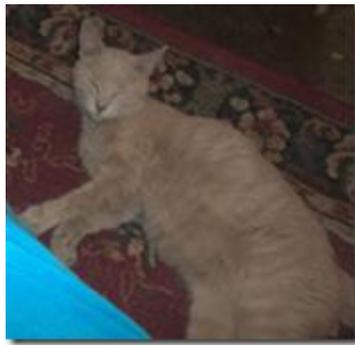
A copy should also be sent to your district superintendent's office. This is required even if you have already spoken with your district superintendent about your absence.

Attention Local Church Trustees

Coverage with Church Mutual Insurance Company If your church HAS NOT HAD a visit by Church Mutual yet, they should contact their representative (on the policy) and schedule an appointment. **For more information go to:** <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/board-of-trustees>

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

The United Methodist Church has been a place of refuge throughout the years for those in need. Unbeknownst to anyone, refuge was provided over the weekend to a small wayward kitty in the cellar of the District Office in Corning. She apparently mistook the cold, dark, dank basement for a maternity ward.



The new family was discovered Monday morning and was rescued. However, there was no room at any inn anywhere. The little family is homeless. Currently the family is residing in the garage of the trustee chair of First United Methodist Church and doing very well. However, this is a very temporary situation.

We are looking for a foster home for Daisy Doodle and her progeny. The current living quarters will only be okay for the family for about a week. If you have room at your inn and are willing to serve as a maternity ward, please reach out to Jan Harvey at jharvey@clarityconnect.com.

The earth is full of God's Creations!

Meal-packaging goal changes; mission is the same

The meal-packaging goal during the 2015 Annual Conference session has been reset to match last year's goal of 75,000 meals, but the mission to help alleviate worldwide hunger remains. With the reduced goal from the original 150,000, there will now only be two *Stop Hunger Now* meal-packaging

shifts: lunch and dinner on Thursday. If you had signed up for one or both of the shifts on Friday, please attend the meal-packaging shift(s) that is convenient for you on Thursday; you do not need to reregister.

NORTH CHEMUNG UMC – Chicken & Biscuits

WHEN: Wednesday, June 17, 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!!!

Other Information

AVOCA UMC – Annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ

WHEN: Monday, May 25, 2015

WHERE: Avoca UMC- 53 S. Main St.(at Parsonage)
Avoca, NY 14809

SERVING TIMES : 10:30 am (following parade)

COST: \$8.50 per meal

TAKE OUTS ONLY : ½ Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Roll, Cookie

PRESHO UMC – Healing Service

WHEN: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

WHERE: Presho UMC- 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post,
(Presho Exit 6 off Rt. 99).

DISH TO PASS: 5:45 pm

SERVICE TIME : 7 pm

On the first Tuesday of each month, an opportunity for anyone who wishes to come and pray for healing and wholeness in their lives, the lives of loved ones, the community or the world is offered by the Presho United Methodist Church.

We will read scripture, hear and sing music, and have a time for meditation and intercessory prayers. When we reconcile with God, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced and relationships are healed.

We are located at 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post, (Presho Exit 6 of Rt 99). We host a "Dish to Pass" dinner at 5:45pm and a Healing Service at 7pm. Bring a dish to pass at 5:45pm or just come at 7pm for the service. We will welcome you.

CCYM shirts on sale at AC '15 to benefit YSF

The [Conference Council on Youth Ministries](#) (CCYM) will have limited-edition t-shirts available for purchase at its display table during the 2015 Annual

Conference session. This year's shirts - screened with the theme "Searching...God" - are \$10. A limited quantity of shirts from previous years - "Called to Catch Fire" and "I Am a Child of God" - are only \$5. All proceeds go to the [Youth Service Fund](#) (YSF), the national United Methodist mission fund supported by youth.

CRM centers host open house events

The six [Camp & Retreat Ministries](#) centers across Upper New York are hosting open houses over the next six weeks. The schedule of events is:

[Findley](#): 1-5 p.m. May 23

[Asbury](#): 2-5 p.m. June 7

[Aldersgate](#): 2-7 p.m. June 13

[Casowasco](#): 2-7 p.m. June 14

[Skye Farm](#): 1-4 p.m. June 27

May Vol. 2 issue of the Bridge now available

The May Vol. 2 issue of the Bridge is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. This issue of the Bridge features information about how the Annual Conference session impacts all members of the Upper New York Conference, what Golden Cross Sunday is all about, and how you can follow the 2015 AC session through both live coverage and a live stream.

If you have questions or are unable to make copies, please contact

Communications@unyumc.org.

Sign Up for a Summer Program TODAY!

Summer is just around the corner AND it all starts here at Camp! Wild action and pure fun, sun-soaked days, friends, great food, and all in a spectacular setting. What makes summer camp so special? We love kids! And we're built from the ground up for kids to experience an unforgettable, life-changing week. Step out of the everyday and soar into another world! Sign up today at www.campsandretreats.org for a choice of over 180 summer programs for children and youth PLUS we have over 30 programs for adults, families, special needs adults, and clergy! Questions? E-mail us at info@campsandretreats.org or call us at 315-424-7878 ext. 309 or TOLL FREE: 855-424-7878 ext. 309. See you soon!

UNY Camp & Retreat Ministries is a ministry of the Upper NY Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

On-Going Events in the 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.

May

25 - Inattention and ADHD Explored at Lifetree Café

June

1 - Family Adventures Explored at Lifetree Café

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

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT UMW DATES

July 17 - 19 Mission u at Cazenovia College

September 26 Fall District Meeting at New Beginnings

ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

2015 Pre-Conference Workbook is now available

The full booklet of Conference materials for the sixth session of the Upper New York Annual Conference is now available electronically for review, download or to print. A PDF (43.5MB) is available on the [Conference website](#). The workbook is also available for purchase at Lulu.com.

Young Adult Ministries at AC '15

Young Adult Ministries in Upper New York are hosting two incredible opportunities that we invite you to participate in during the 2015 Annual Conference session:

Worship - 8:15 a.m. on **Thursday, May 28**

Moses mentored Joshua. Eli mentored Samuel. Jesus mentored his disciples ... on a journey that ends with you: who has mentored you? Who have you mentored? On Thursday morning, come celebrate a season of mentorship in The United Methodist Church with the Young Adult Ministry. The Holy Spirit knows no generations, just movement in leadership; watch as the "baton" of the Gospel - literally and figuratively - is passed between all generations of believers and ultimately carried into the future. #passthebatonUNY

Workshop - 12:30-1:45 p.m. on **Friday, May 29**

During the lunchtime workshops on Friday, Conference Young Adults will be hosting an intergenerational dialogue of shared experiences, titled: "Why We're Here: A Dialogue of Faith Journeys with Young Adults." You are invited as we share journeys about why we, as young adults, are disciples of Jesus Christ within The United Methodist Church in the 21st century. **All ages are highly encouraged and welcome to be part of the conversation!**

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

Committee on Native American Ministries

All Invited to an Iroquois Social

CONAM invites all Annual Conference attendees to an Iroquois Social 7-10 p.m., **Friday, May 29**, in the Oncenter Ballroom. Wear casual, comfortable dress or come as you are from the day. Everyone should stop by, even if time permits only a short visit. There will be the Thanksgiving Address spoken in the native Mohawk language and translated into English. This is a reverent time treated like prayer time. Photographs are not appropriate.

There also will be dancing and drumming. All are welcome to dance. The purpose is to enjoy one another's company in a relaxed setting and have fun. See the attached letter for additional details.

The Upper NY Chapter of the **Methodist Federation for Social Action** invites you to a breakfast during Annual Conference!

We will host a breakfast on **Saturday, May 30** from 7-8:15am; at the Plymouth UCC (232 E Onondaga St.)! We'll enjoy a light buffet breakfast and fellowship and hear from our team leaders. The cost is \$5 for adults; free for youth & children - please invite your friends & fellow delegates! All Are Welcome! Please RSVP to unymfsa@gmail.com or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1429773600672145/>

Join the Africa 360 Challenge

During the recent Upper New York Annual Conference session, an overwhelming vote to contribute \$1 million to the Imagine No Malaria campaign of The United Methodist Church was celebrated. In 2011, members of the Upper New York Annual Conference pledged to raise \$1 million for Africa University to fund eight scholarships.

The passion and commitment to be a part of what God is doing among, within and through the people of Africa is evident in these actions. Both of these priorities have been placed in a campaign that we are calling Africa 360. For Details go to <http://www.unyumc.org/news/detail/1980>

If you don't want to wait until the 2015 session of Annual Conference to present your gifts, you can make them anytime by mailing a check to Upper New York Conference, 324 University Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 Attn: Africa 360. Checks should be made payable to Upper New York Annual Conference with Africa 360 in the memo line.

Have a Safe Memorial Day Weekend