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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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Nancy's Notes - #31

Greetings, friends, in this most Holiest of weeks.

As I wrote last week, it is important to not jump from the events of Palm Sunday straight to the events of Easter. Even though we anticipate the coming joy and victory of Easter, it is important to not gloss over Maundy Thursday with Jesus with His disciples in the Upper Room, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' subsequent arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and so-called "trial," Peter's denial, and Jesus' flogging. Then of course, it is vital that we commemorate the events of Good Friday, seriously contemplating what Jesus did for us on the cross. As Protestants, I think sometimes we get Jesus off the cross too quickly... But of course we know, "Sunday is a – comin!"

Here is a poem that celebrates what Jesus did, does, and will do:

Death

Defeated...Dethroned
Deactivated...Defused...Disarmed
That's What Jesus Does
Delivery

--William Duckworth

One of our colleagues on the district ended his email the following way, which really brightened my day today. (You know who you are. Thank you so much)! It is my prayer for all of you, as well. "I pray your celebration of the next few days is wrapped in all the solemnity, mystery, awe, submission, and unencumbered foot-stomping, hand-waving, praise singing, overflowing joy as we engage the victory of Christ over the cross, the grave, and sin. Ride on King Jesus, no one can a-hinder Thee!"

All I can say to that is – AMEN!

With You in the Journey, Nancy

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT NEW WEBSITE

Please take a moment to check out the District's website!

You will find information there about what is going on in the district.

District events are on the calendar, the District's weekly newsletter is there as well as the District UMW's Spring newsletter.

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

OAKWOOD & PINE VALLEY UMC's – Sacred Concert

WHEN: Good Friday April 3rd

WHERE: 212 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY 14903

TIME: 7 pm

DESCRIPTION: Oakwood United Methodist Church and Pine Valley United Methodist Church will present a sacred concert on Good Friday. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of Oakwood UMC.

ADDISON UMC – Easter Bake Sale

WHEN: Saturday April 4th

WHERE: 8 Front St., Addison, NY 14801

TIME: Sale will be from 9 am- 2pm

DESCRIPTION: April 4 (the day before Easter). The sale will be from 9 am to 2 pm. We will have homemade pies, breads, rolls, candy, cakes and many other Easter "goodies."

Preorders of Sticky Buns are recommended. Please call 359-3853 or the Church at 359-2316 all day Friday. Let us help make your Easter yummy.

NEW BEGINNINGS UMC – UMW Rummage Sale

WHEN: **Saturday April 11th**

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

TIME: 9 am - 2 pm

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**

UPIWORD '15 Conference Youth Gathering is Approaching!

...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!

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- Alfred & Angelica UMC's and Rev. Stephen Crowell
- Allentown & Bolivar UMC's Pastor Vicki Hedlund
- Andover & Troupsburg UMC's and Pastor Terry Kelly

- Arkport & Bolivar UMC's and Rev. Pam Carey

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

The Clergy Small Group Monthly Gathering

WHEN: Tues., Apr. 7th

WHERE: AVOCA UMC, 8593 Jacobs Ladder Rd., Avoca, NY 14809

TIME: 10 am

PURPOSE: Our purpose is for mutual support, informal discussion and communion. **All clergy and pulpit supply** are welcome. For more information contact Bev Welch 607-698-4915.

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!

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

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.

UNY Notes March 9, 2015

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.umcgiving.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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