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(NEW) Mountain View District Website- www.MountainViewUNY.org

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!

Upper New York Annual Conference Web Site: www.unyumc.org

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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 - #34

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having a good week. Just as I was rejoicing in the coming of spring, it was snowing this morning! I will rejoice nonetheless, since I have seen trees beginning to bud, and the promising signs of my tulips coming up. I am reminded of the 2nd verse of "Pass it On," by Kurt Kaiser © 1969, (UMH, #572): "What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on."

I trust that seeing the promises of spring remind us all of the new life we have, made possible by our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Discouraging things happen – I know, but let us encourage one another and those of our churches – and those outside our churches, with the Good News found in the last half of verse 3 of “Pass it On:” “I’ll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know: the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.” What if we thought of it this way: “I’ll shout it through all Mountain View; I want my world to know: the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.”? Let’s do it!

With You in the Journey and Rejoicing in the Risen Christ, Nancy

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- Canisteo UMC and Pastor Bev Welch
 - Caton UMC Pastor Chad Sayers
 - Chemung & Wilawana UMC’s and Pastor Mark Lemmon
 - Cohocton & North Cohocton UMC’s and Pastor Cathy Fox
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***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

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

PINE VALLEY UMC Golabki/Holupki Dinner(cabbage rolls/pigs-in-a blanket)

WHEN: Thursday, May 7, 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 : 4:00-7:00 pm or sold out

COST: Adults: \$7.00 Children under 12: \$4.00

MENU: Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Bread, dessert & Beverage
Eat-in or take-out

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

NORTH CHEMUNG UMC – Chicken & Biscuits

WHEN: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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

SERVING TIMES : Starting at 4:30 pm

COST: \$8.00 Adults \$4.00 Children

All are welcome!!!

FREE: Interpreter Dictionary of the Bible (A-Z plus supplement) 1962 edition
If interested please call United Church of Painted Post at 607-936-6313.

Events Going on in Mountain View District

Lifetree Café 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.

April

27 - Coping With Loneliness Explored at Lifetree Café

May

4 - Demystifying Romance Explored at Lifetree Café

11- Interview With Author of "The Shack" Screened at Lifetree Café

18 - What to Do When Life Is Unfair At Lifetree Café

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

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

HORSEHEADS FIRST UMC – Annual Spring Rummage Sale

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 29, 2015 5-8 PM**

Thursday, April 30 8 AM-4 PM

Friday, May 1 8 AM- Noon Bag Sale

WHERE: Horseheads First UMC – 1034 W. Broad St., Horseheads, NY 14845

OAKWOOD UMC – Rummage Sale/Bake Sale/Snack Bar Event

WHEN: **Saturday, May 2, 2015**

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

SERVING TIMES : 9:00-3:00 pm

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT UMW DATES

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.

JOB OPENINGS -Two positions open at the Methodist Missionary Home at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY, for the 2016 season:

Host and Hostess

Couple to open and close the House, process reservations, supervise a staff of four, and all operations of the house, including kitchen, laundry, maintenance, and care of the lawn. Host and Hostess should be on site from May 15 to September 15, 2016. Salary, plus room and board, gate pass, parking.

Chef

This position is also open at the Methodist Missionary Home at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua New York. Chef should be on site from May 15 to September 15, 2016.

Interviews will be held on site. Please send resumes to Leona M Peterson, PO Box 176, 4279 Miller Rd., Gerry, N Y 14740-0176 by July 15, 2015. Phone 716-985-4652. E mail: lpeterson@netsync.net.

The home is owned by the United Methodist Women's Division of the United Methodist Church and managed by the Chautauqua Homes Board.

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.

Looking for a specific district?

Did you know that each of the 12 districts within the Upper New York Conference has its own unique URL to its section of the Conference website? The links to each district are:

Adirondack District - www.AdirondackUNY.org

Albany District - www.AlbanyUNY.org

Binghamton District - www.BinghamtonUNY.org

Cornerstone District - www.CornerstoneUNY.org

Crossroads District - www.CrossroadsUNY.org

Finger Lakes District - www.FingerlakesUNY.org

Genesee Valley District - www.GeneseeValleyUNY.org
Mohawk District - www.MohawkUNY.org

Mountain View District - www.MountainViewUNY.org
Niagara Frontier District - www.NiagaraFrontierUNY.org

Northern Flow District - www.NorthernFlowUNY.org
Oneonta District - www.OneontaUNY.org

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
1100 S. Goodman St.
Rochester, New York 14620
(585) 340-9669

JOHN R. TYSON, INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CHARLES WESLEY, HOLDS BOOK SIGNING APRIL 21, 2015

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School's Wesley Society hosts reception

Rochester, NY (April 13, 2015) – Dr. John R. Tyson, Professor of Church History and Director of United Methodist Studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, will sign his new book, *The Way of the Wesleys*, at noon on April 21, 2015 on the college campus at 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620. The event, free and open to the public, includes light refreshments.

To RSVP, call (585) 340-9588 by noon on Monday, April 21, 2015. *The Way of the Wesleys* will be available for purchase at the CRCDS bookstore. Call (585) 340-9601 for details.

ABOUT JOHN R. TYSON

Dr. Tyson has authored more than 80 articles and conference papers and has edited or written eight books. His books include *Charles Wesley on Sanctification* (Zondervan, 1986), *Charles Wesley: A Reader* (Oxford University Press, 1989), *Invitation to Christian Spirituality* (Oxford University Press, 1999) and *Assist Me to Proclaim: The Life and Hymns of Charles Wesley* (William B. Eerdmans, 2007). Dr. Tyson previously taught at United Theological Seminary and Houghton College, and earned a Master of Philosophy and a Ph.D. in Theological and Religious Studies from Drew University.

ABOUT THE WAY OF THE WESLEYS (William B. Eerdmans, 2014).

The Way of the Wesleys, John R. Tyson's latest book, invites readers into the lives of the Wesley brothers, John (1703–1791) and Charles (1707–1788), famous cofounders of the Wesleyan tradition and the Methodist family of churches. Extensively documented from the Wesley's own writings, the book takes readers through main Wesleyan theological points in an engaging, accessible way.

OTHER NEWS

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.

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>

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.

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.

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

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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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
