

**April 23, 2015**

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**(NEW)** Mountain View District Website- [www.MountainViewUNY.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.MountainViewUNY.org)

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**From the desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb: Prayers for Nepal**

Please keep the people in Nepal in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with the aftermath of the earthquake that occurred on April 25. More than 4,000 are dead, more than 6,500 people are injured, and thousands are living in tents as their homes have been destroyed. May the peace and hope of Jesus comfort and protect in these tragic days.

We are grateful for the safety of Mark, Deirdre, Zachary and Benjamin Zimmerman. The Zimmermans are connected with the State Street United Methodist Church in Fulton and serve as missionaries in Nepal. We pray for the safety of all of our missionaries serving in this part of the world and the ministries of recovery and relief they now find themselves participating in.

I invite individuals and congregations of the Upper New York Conference to consider taking a special offering for Nepal earthquake relief. Those funds can be sent to the Upper New York Conference Office, 324 University Ave., 3rd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13210. Envelopes/checks can be marked with "Nepal earthquake relief" and "649."

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## **Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week**

- Coopers Plains UMC and Pastor
  - Corning First UMC and Pastor Connie Seifert
  - Erin & Sullivanville UMC's and Pastor Kevin Austin
  - Garwoods & South Dansville UMC's and Pastor Greg White
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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](mailto:mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org)

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## **NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER**

### **12 Oldest Church Buildings Celebrated at AC**

The Conference Commission on Archives and History will celebrate the oldest church building in each District of Upper New York Annual Conference with a display at this year's Annual Conference. Other criterion is that the building has been continually used as United Methodist house of worship or denominational precursors thereof. We believe that the Whitesville UMC, whose current building was built in 1821, is the oldest such church building in Mountain View District. If you know of another OLDER building continually used as a UM church and one of its precursor denominations, please contact the Mountain View District Office, 607-962-8047, [mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org).

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### **Prayer Tent at Annual Conference**

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. To simplify this process, we have set up a schedule and would ask each District to invite **volunteers to sign up at the pre-Conference briefings**. 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.

**Mountain View District date and times are:**

(3 volunteers per hour)

Thursday, May 28th

2:00pm - 3:00pm

3:00pm - 4:15pm

4:15pm - 5:30pm

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**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>

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**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!**

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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](mailto:unymfsa@gmail.com) or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1429773600672145/>

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## **Events Going on in Mountain View District**

### **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.

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**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](mailto:lifetreecafe@freshstartmall.org).

### **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/lifetreecafeandnotmall>

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### **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](mailto:Jessepruitt62@gmail.com) or call 631-416-8115**

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### **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**

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### **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**

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### **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**

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

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### **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

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### **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!!!

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### **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](#).

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### **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](http://www.AdirondackUNY.org)

Albany District - [www.AlbanyUNY.org](http://www.AlbanyUNY.org)

Binghamton District - [www.BinghamtonUNY.org](http://www.BinghamtonUNY.org)

Cornerstone District - [www.CornerstoneUNY.org](http://www.CornerstoneUNY.org)

Crossroads District - [www.CrossroadsUNY.org](http://www.CrossroadsUNY.org)

Finger Lakes District - [www.FingerlakesUNY.org](http://www.FingerlakesUNY.org)

Genesee Valley District - [www.GeneseeValleyUNY.org](http://www.GeneseeValleyUNY.org)

Mohawk District - [www.MohawkUNY.org](http://www.MohawkUNY.org)

Mountain View District - [www.MountainViewUNY.org](http://www.MountainViewUNY.org)

Niagara Frontier District - [www.NiagaraFrontierUNY.org](http://www.NiagaraFrontierUNY.org)

Northern Flow District - [www.NorthernFlowUNY.org](http://www.NorthernFlowUNY.org)

Oneonta District - [www.OneontaUNY.org](http://www.OneontaUNY.org)

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## **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](mailto:AshleyRiddell@unyumc.org).

Other registration questions should be sent to [vicki@unyumc.org](mailto:vicki@unyumc.org).

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### **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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**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015** to the Spiritual Leadership Ministry Team, c/o Nancy Dibelius, [unyslmot@gmail.com](mailto:unyslmot@gmail.com).

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**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

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## **NEWS FROM THE CONFERENCE OFFICE**

### **On the Conference Calendar**

**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](http://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](mailto:SteveHustedt@unyumc.org)

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