

# E-News from the Valley!!!!

(April 16, 2015)

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## **(1) **NEW!** Note from the D.S.**

*easter... in the valley...*

*we...the body of Christ in the Genesee Valley District of the Upper New York Conference  
of the United Methodist Church... are ...*

*...to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places!*

resurrection... means change

rebirth... renewal...mean a change is occurring

perhaps that is why it is difficult to completely grasp resurrection...

because to do so...means we are completely taking hold of change

change can be a good thing...a positive thing...

resurrection is about a life after death experience...

it is about new hope! new life! new possibilities!

most of us like the thought of new hope...new life...new possibilities  
this would be change from our current situation...

let the resurrection continue!

we are becoming disciples of Jesus for the transformation (change) of the world!

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A look at the upcoming weeks 04/17/2015 – 05/01/2015

Wednesday, April 15 – Saturday, April 18, 2015 = Ted is away at out of town meetings

Sunday, April 19, 2015 = Visit to Nunda UMC

Sunday, April 19, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ The Anderson's (4:30pm gather; 5:00pm eat)

Monday, April 20, 2015 = Appointment (11:00am)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 = Appointment (1:00pm – 3:00pm)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 = dCOS Meeting @ CRCDS, room #312 (7:00pm)

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 = dCOM meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (5:30pm gather; 6:00pm eat)

Thursday, April 23, 2015 = Appointment (12:00pm)

Thursday, April 23, 2015 (4:00pm) – Sunday, April 26, 2015 = UPWORD!

Monday, April 27, 2015 – Wednesday, April 29, 2015 = Ted is away at out of town meetings

Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Vital Congregational Meeting with District Leadership Team @ Rush UMC (12:00 – 1:30pm)

Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Meeting @ Rush UMC (1:30pm)  
Thursday, April 30, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (5:30pm gather;  
6:00pm eat)  
Friday, May 1, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

***\*Please note: Whenever Ted is traveling or in multiple day meetings you may call the District Office and Betsy will know how to reach him.\****

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## **(2) NEW! Joys & Concerns**

Please keep the family of **George Vineyard** in your prayers. Mr. Vineyard, 85, died on Monday, April 13, 2015. He is the husband of Pastor Jo Vineyard, retired. Calling hours will be held from 1-2 p.m. on April 18 at the [Perry First UMC](#), followed by a memorial service. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the memorial service. Condolences can be sent to Pastor Jo Vineyard, 99 Gardeau St., Perry, N.Y. 14530. [Read the obituary](#)

Please keep Pastor Barb Mosher (Warsaw Immanuel) in your prayers. She is having serious health issues: spasms of the throat and esophagus, inability to eat solids, choking, lung issues, etc. More tests in Buffalo to help doctors find some answers.

Please keep Sue Russell (Assistant Director at Asbury Camp & Retreat Center) and her family in your prayers, as her father passed away. Further information is forthcoming. Sue, Alan and Allison were in Virginia on vacation this week when they got word. They are headed back to Clyde NY to be with Sue's mother and the rest of the family. Prayers are appreciated. If you feel called to do so, condolences may be sent to: The Russell Family, 800 Vernal Road, Attica, NY 14011

We ask that you keep the following people from the district in your prayers:  
the Rev. Lee Williams

**If you have prayer concerns or joys that you would like listed on the e-news, please contact the district office. We welcome all information.**

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### **(3) NEW! Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Saturday, May 2, 2015 = Pre-Conference Briefing @ Asbury Camp & Retreat Center (9:00am – 11:00am)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Breakfast or Lunch @ Geneseo UMC (8:30am-10:00am OR 12:00noon to 1:30pm)

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Lunch @ Bergen UMC (12:00noon to 1:30pm)

Thursday, June 18, 2015 = GVD Spring Clergy Breakfast or Lunch @ Rochester: Asbury First UMC (8:30am to 10:00am OR 12:00noon to 1:30pm)

Saturday, October 31, 2015 = GVD small group Church Conferences @ Geneseo UMC (9-12) & Rush UMC (2-5pm)

Sunday, November 1, 2015 = GVD small group Church Conferences @ Warsaw First UMC (3-6pm)

Saturday, November 7, 2015 = GVD small group Church Conferences @ Brockport UMC (9-12) & Penfield UMC (2-5pm)

Sunday, November 8, 2015 = GVD small group Church Conferences @ Dansville UMC (3-6pm)

Sunday, November 15, 2015 = GVD small group Church Conferences @ Elmgrove UMC (3-6pm)

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### **(4) NEW! Bishop Mark J. Webb announces the following appointments in Genesee Valley District:**

Genesee Valley:

- Carlos Rosa-Laguer is appointed as a full elder as Co-Director of Hispanic-Latino Planting in addition to his current appointment at the Rochester: Emmanuel UMC effective July 1, 2015.
- Andy Anderson is appointed as a Provisional Elder to the Syracuse City UM Churches (Bellevue Heights, Brown Memorial, Erwin First, Gethsemane, Hope Korean, James Street, St. Paul's and University UMCs) effective July 1, 2015- Crossroads District

- Richard LaDue is appointed as a Full Elder to Webster UMC effective July 1, 2015.
- Rev. Ted Anderson is appointed for one more year as the District Superintendent
- Leland J. Carlson is appointed as a full elder to Shenendehowa UMC (Albany District) effective July 1, 2015
- James W. Stevens is appointed as a full elder to Owego UMC (Binghamton District) effective July 1, 2015
- Burton Smith is appointed as a retired elder part time to Naples Trinity Federated Church effective February 8, 2015 – June 30, 2015.
- Rev. Nola Anderson as a Conference Superintendent assigned to the Crossroads District
- Devin Lyles is appointed as a provisional elder less than full time to Rush and the New Faith Community “The Pillar” effective March 1, 2015.
- Stephen Michael Cady II is appointed as a full elder to Rochester: Asbury First UMC as Senior Pastor effective July 1, 2015.

Bishop Webb announces the following retirements July 1, 2015 pending approval at clergy session:

- Susan Shafer
- Dale Fryer to retired honorable location

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**(5) NEW! 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](#). [DETAILS](#)

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**(6) NEW! Two positions open at the Methodist Missionary Home at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY, for the 2016 season:**

1. 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.

2. The position of Chef 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](mailto: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.

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### **(7) 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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### **(8) Registration for the 2015 Annual Conference session opens**

Registration is now open for the Upper New York Annual Conference session

being held May 27-30 at the OnCenter, Syracuse. To register, [click here](#) and fill out the form.

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).

[Click here](#) for more news and information about the Annual Conference session.

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### **(9) GVD announces Equalization Members for Annual Conference**

The following people have been chosen to represent Genesee Valley District as an Equalization Member for the 2015 Annual Conference:

Zach Brown, John Church, Valerie Clark, Chelsea Haylett, Dorothy Hotchkiss, Courtney Jackson, Tracy Jackson, Faith Jones, Kelsea Jones, Nancy Jordan, Dean McEneaney, Mike Murdie, Ellegra Nier, Rhyse Nier, Terry Norsen, Betsy O'Flynn, Riley O'Flynn, Bethany Printup-Davis, Derek Smith, Jon Standhart, Vicki Standhart, Ian Urriola, Pat VanVleck,

There are still a few spots left if you are interested in being an Equalization Member. Please contact the District Office.

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### **(10) 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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### **(11) Committee Meetings**

The Genesee Valley Lay Servant Committee meets at 4:30 pm on Third Monday's of the month at Bill Grey's in Henrietta. The April meeting has been cancelled – the next meeting is May 18th in the room behind the fireplace. All lay servants are invited and encouraged to attend when they are able. Everyone's input is valued.

Please note: the district office is available to send out reminder cards for your meetings if you notify us in advance that you wish this done.

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### **Local Church Events and Announcements**

#### **(12) NEW! Webster UMC is collecting Health Kits**

To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UMCOR, the Faith in Action team at UMC Webster would like to collect enough items to make 100 Health Kits between now and May 15<sup>th</sup>.

If your church would like to participate in this collection, call UMC Webster's office (585) 265-9720 for more details. Each kit includes: 1 (new) hand towel & wash cloth, comb, metal nail file or fingernail clippers, bath-size soap, tooth brush, 6 band aids and \$1 for tooth paste. Each kit will be assembled and placed in a gallon plastic bag to be delivered to the UMCOR Depot in Harrisburg. Celebrate with us!

Lois Miller (585) 385-0847



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**(13) NEW! Churchville UMC: Wanted: Pianist/Organist for Sunday Worship.**

If you are looking to serve the Lord with your musical gifts and graces at a small suburban church (Churchville UMC), please contact Pastor Doug at 585-402-0311.

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**(14) East Bloomfield UMC to host a Community Friendship Luncheon**

A Community Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am until 1:00pm at the East Bloomfield United Methodist Church, Rts. 5 & 20 at Park Place in East Bloomfield. All are welcome for lunch and fellowship. Menu for this month: turkey dinner with pie. A free will offering will be accepted. The church is handicapped accessible. This luncheon is held on the third Thursday of each month. Please call the church at 585/657-7220 for more information.

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**(15) Ionia UMC to hold a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 –**

**7:00 PM.**

A delicious dinner with all the fixings and dessert, served buffet style, will be held at the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Rd., just off Route 64 and Routes 5 & 20.

Take-outs will be available.

Prices: Adult \$ 9, senior citizens 65 & over \$ 8, children ages 5-9 \$ 4, and children 4 & under are free.

For more information, call 585-657-6984.

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**(16) Rush UMC is looking for a Director of Youth Ministries**

Rush United Methodist Church

Director of Youth Ministry

Expectations & Responsibilities

The mission of the Rush United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and to be God's love to our neighbors in all places.

As a minimum, the director of youth ministries needs to demonstrate the following:

A personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and a heartfelt desire to serve youth in the United Methodist Church.

A strong sense of calling to ministry with youth

An ability to recruit, train and work with adult volunteers

Ability to plan, organize, lead and guide the various projects and activities related to youth ministry

Willingness and ability to work cooperatively with others, a positive and flexible outlook and willingness to share in problem solving

Weekly worship attendance, participation and occasional preaching/leadership on Sunday mornings at Rush UMC

Willingness and ability to be a supportive presence in the schools/communities where youth are active and engaged

Help to coordinate at least annual youth led worship services

Willingness to support and encourage participation in United Methodist Youth activities and events, in the district, conference and beyond.

Required:

Satisfactory background check

Minimum age of 22 to satisfy the United Methodist Safe Sanctuary policy

Compensation: \$31,000 annual; this compensation can be divided into categories such as cash salary, professional expense reimbursement, housing, benefits, but will not exceed \$31,000 at this time.

#### Principle Duties and Responsibilities

Plan, conduct, coordinate and lead Rush UMC's ministry with youth

Build relationships of depth and integrity with youth as possible in large group, small group and individual settings

Work with director of Sunday School to develop and implement a plan for middle and high school Sunday school classes

Coordinate all aspects of grades 6-12 youth group, developing opportunities for relationship development, discipleship formation, and an experience of Christian community

Lead and maintain participation in the Youth Council (a group of adults and youth who oversee and support youth ministry at RUMC)

Meet regularly with pastoral staff for visioning, accountability and support.

Attend staff meetings when/if possible

Attend Leadership Team meetings as needed or requested

Work with the Finance Ministry Team to assure financial care, support and accountability around use and availability of funds for youth ministry

Prepare budget and funding requests in a timely manner so that the entire congregation can adequately support and encourage effective youth ministry.

Plan and lead an annual youth experience away from the church. This may be a mission trip, retreat experience or something comparable. This would include recruitment of adequate adult supervision, fund raising and strict adherence to safe sanctuary policies.

#### Staff Relationships:

If hired rather than appointed, the youth director is hired by the Staff Parish Relations Committee/Leadership Team

The Youth Director shall perform the above responsibilities under the direction and supervision of the Lead Pastor

The Youth Director shall meet with the Lead Pastor for clarification of the vision for this ministry, strategic planning, and for guidance, prayer and support.

The Youth Director shall be evaluated annually by the Lead Pastor, with input from the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Youth Council

Any inquiries should be directed to [rushumc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rushumc@rochester.rr.com) - attention Cathy Hall Stengel

This has been posted on our Classified's page:

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/classifieds>.

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## **Genesee Valley District Upper New York Annual Conference Of The United Methodist Church**

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