

E-News from the Valley!!!!

(April 2, 2015)

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

holy week... 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!

it starts with baptism...

does anyone fully grasp it meaning?

it is a mystery...

and yet it is both a powerful symbol and sign...

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN!

it continues at the table...

who understands communion completely ...the body and blood of Christ... ?

bread of life...spirit of Christ...

it is a mystery...

and yet it is both a powerful symbol and sign...

WE ARE INVITED TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

it reaches another level at the empty tomb...

can anyone explain resurrection?

it is a mystery...

and yet it continues to turn the world around

BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES... WE CAN FACE TOMORROW!

Easter Hope! Easter Life!

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A look at the upcoming weeks 04/03/2015 – 05/01/2015

Thursday, April 2 - Friday, April 3, 2015 = Office Closed

Thursday, April 9, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Andersons (gather at 5:30pm;
eat at 6:00pm)

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Visit to Canandaigua UMC

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Visit to Adams Basin (2:00pm)

Sunday, April 12, 2015 = Clergy Dinner @ the Anderson's (4:30pm gather;
5:00pm eat)

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 = Visit to New Life UMC (7:00pm)
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 = Appointment (1:00pm – 3:00pm)
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 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

Prayers are requested for Pastor Joanne Vineyard and Family. Her husband **George** is experiencing health issues. Cards can be sent to George Vineyard, 99 Gardeau St., Perry, NY, 14530, or greetings sent via email to: geovine@frontiernet.net.

We ask that you keep the following people from the district in your prayers: George Aberle; 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) 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)

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

Genesee Valley:

- 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

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(5) NEW! First April issue of the *Bridge* ready for download

The April, Vol. 1, issue of the *Bridge* is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. [Click here](#) to select the version you prefer and make copies as necessary. Being a bi-monthly publication, the *Bridge* can be used this Sunday or next, whichever is most useful to the local church. The newest volume will be listed at the top of the webpage, with older volumes below. The *Bridge* is designed to be handed out in worship as an insert in your church bulletin or as a standalone item. If you have questions or are unable to make copies, please contact Communications@unyumc.org

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(6) CRCDS presents Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service, a special tradition at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, takes place this year on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 6:30 a.m.

We invite you to gather with us on the South Terrace at CRCDS to celebrate the joy of this beautiful season. Friends, families, students, clergy and community partners are welcome.

The CRCDS Easter Sunrise service is presented in conjunction with Asbury First United Methodist Church, Third Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

For more information, please call (585) 340-9643 or email: ddiederich@crcds.edu

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(7) Useful Resources - April

Announcement: Useful Resources - April

Each month, the Upper New York Conference Communications Ministry Team provides a list of dates and links to resources that churches and individuals may find helpful in preparation for worship and other occasions. Click on the links to find resources and more information.

- April 2, [Holy Thursday](#) celebrates the institution of the Eucharist.
- April 3, [Good Friday](#) commemorates the crucifixion of Christ in the tomb.

- April 4, [Holy Saturday](#) recalls the repose of Christ in the tomb.
- April 5, [Easter Sunday](#) celebrates Christ's resurrection.
- April 19, [Native American Ministries Sunday](#) (offering) recognizes the contributions of Native Americans to society; offering funds Native American ministries, urban ministries and seminary scholarships.
- April 22, [Earth Day](#) demonstrates support for environmental protection
- April 25, [World Malaria Day](#) focuses on eliminating deaths and suffering from malaria.

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(8) CRCDS SPRING LECTURES, REFLECTION, REUNION AND WORSHIP, APRIL 7-9, 2015

We invite students, faculty, staff, clergy, community and friends to join us for the upcoming Spring Lecture Series, "God's Time is Now: Re-cultivating the 'Garden' . . . tending Creation as People of Faith" on Tuesday, April 7, Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9, 2015. Included in the Lecture Series are discussions, exhibits, chapel services, community lunches, garden tours and lectures. *All events are free and open to the public.* Alumni/ae and Community lunches are available at noon each day at a cost of \$10 per person. All meals are free for each member of the classes of 2005, 1990 and 1965 and one guest.

Continuing Education credits are available (\$50 for the week of lectures; please contact the Registrar at (585) 340-9632 before March 30, 2015.

For a complete brochure listing speaker information, lecture topics and other information, please click on the word "**Brochure**" below. For registration information, please call (585) 340-9643, email ddiederich@crcds.edu or visit www.crcds.edu/spring-lecture-week/

Brochure

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(9) 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. Other registration questions should be sent to vicki@unyumc.org.

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

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(10) 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 McEneany, 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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(11) 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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(12) 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 next meeting is April 20th 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

(13) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC to host a Community Friendship Luncheon

A Community Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 16th 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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(14) NEW! Adams Basin UMC is holding a "soup-to-go" sale

Adams Basin UMC is holding a "soup-to-go" sale on Wednesday, April 8, from 4-5 p.m. Service at your car/take-out only. Pre-orders accepted by Monday, April 6. Call Debbi at 469-2197. Varieties: Asian Chicken Noodle, Turkey Chili, Broccoli Cheddar, Canadian Cheese, Beans & Greens, Veggie Chili, Vegetable. \$6/pint or \$10/quart. Includes Italian Bread. 4296 Canal Road, Spencerport (corner of Canal Road and Washington Street). Proceeds to support church painting/repairs.

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(15) Adams Basin is looking for a plumber referral(s)

Is there anyone you would recommend who might be able to do some work for us at the Adams Basin UMC? Contact Debbi Hill at 469-2197. Thank you!

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(16) Adams Basin to offer CD

Adams Basin UMC choir is very excited to announce that we have produced our second CD, "Breath of Heaven."

These songs are included: Rock A My Soul, Fishers of Men (a cappella); Down to the River to Pray, Swing Low/Chariot's a Comin', How Can I Keep from Singing?, Breath of Heaven (all vocals by Chelsea Haag), Sing a Jubilant Song, With Open Hands, I Go to the Rock, and With Crowns of Praise.

Copies of our first CD, "Seasons", also available.

Voices: Suzanne Feuerherm, Cindy Haag, Chelsea Haag, Becky Hansen, Derek Hansen, Debbi Hill, and John Centrone (who also engineered the CD).

Copies are available for a donation of \$15.

Contact: Cindy Haag -- cindyhaag@live.com 585-298-2574 or Debbi Hill 585-469-2197

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(17) Ionia UMC to hold a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Saturday, April 18th, 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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(18) Livonia UMC to hold Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner at the United Methodist Church of Livonia, 21 Summers Street, Livonia, the second Wednesday of every month - next one is **April 8th**.

Meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and finger food desserts.

Adults \$6; children 10 years and under \$3.

Serving 5:00-7:00 pm - We hope you can join us for dinner!

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(19) Churchville UMC to hold a Pie & Dessert Sale

Pie and Dessert Sale at Churchville UMC on April 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm (or sold out),

The church is located at 24 West Buffalo Street, 14428.

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(20) Webster UMC to hold Easter Drama

The United Methodist Church of Webster invites ALL to an Easter Drama **“40 Days”**; on **April 2, 3 & 4th at 7:00 pm** – at 169 East Main St, Webster.

Hear the Easter Story...Bewilderment, Doubt, Confusion ...Trust and Faith —

What WAS it like AFTER the Resurrection?

Experience the 40 days after Jesus rose - through the eyes of his disciples and followers.

All are welcome, family friendly ...Free Admission. Free will offering supporting the Drama Ministry

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(21) 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 - attention Cathy Hall Stengel

This has been posted on our Classified's page:

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

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