

E-News from the Valley!!!!

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

ordinary time... 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!

here is the idea...the goal...the concept ...the plan

disciples of Jesus tithe...

it is part of how we understand our commitment to God...

it is part of how we understand discipleship...

it is part of following Jesus...

disciples of Jesus...give this tithe to God (not to the church)

God returns these gifts to each church...

each church employs these gifts in accomplishing the mission of the church ...
living the Gospel of Jesus and being God's love with our neighbors...

each church prays...is led by the Holy Spirit...decides... how best to employ these funds

each church is responsible for being responsible with these gifts...
sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ...
balanced budget...
living within the means which God supplies...

God knows we can fulfill our ministry with the blessings God gives...

it all starts with a tithe...

we are blessed ... to be blessings in the world!

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A look at the upcoming weeks 07/24/2015 – 08/14/2015

Friday, July 24, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

Sunday, July 26, 2015 = Visit to Rochester: Covenant UMC

Thursday, July 30, 2015 = dCOM meeting @ CRCDS

Friday, July 31, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 = District Leadership Team meeting @ The
Anderson's (12:00)

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 = Appointment (2:00pm)

Friday, August 14, 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) Joys & Concerns

Prayers and update on baby Marshall Lyles

Many thanks to those who have been praying for baby Marshall! He has enjoyed some good weeks at home with his mom and dad, the Rev. Devin and Logan Lyles. Rev. Lyles serves at the Pillar, a New Faith Community in the Rochester area. While Marshall has had some good weeks, he continues to face some physical challenges. Please continue to keep Marshall and his family in your prayers as he underwent surgery on Monday, July 20.

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 – Mark your calendars

Thursday, September 17, 2015 = Fall Clergy meeting (9-12 @ Asbury Camp & Retreat Center; 6:30-8:30pm @ CRCDS)

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 = Boundaries training at Asbury Camp & Retreat Center

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)

February 6, 2016 = Informed to transform 7!

March 10, 2016 = Bishop's Day on the District

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(4) NEW! Emotional Systems Workshops for Church Leaders Fall 2015

Many clergy are familiar with the work of Edwin Friedman and how Emotional Systems Theory (Bowen Theory) can be applied to one's work as a church leader. With the increasing levels of anxiety present in our society and in our churches, being able to be an effective leader can depend upon becoming more adept at stepping back from the chaos and managing one's self in a more calm and self-differentiated way.

These workshops will provide an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the emotional processes at work in our lives and our ministry settings. Participants will be given the opportunity to process particular challenges faced in one's own ministry as well as being able to reflect on one's functioning in all areas of life.

Each workshop consists of 4 monthly one-day sessions. Total cost for all four sessions is \$200. Groups are forming in Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse. For more information on particular times and locations or if you are interested in forming a group in your area contact Wilson Jones at wilsonjones65@gmail.com.

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(5) NEW! NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVALS in New York 2015

July 25-26 Summer Music and Dance Festival
Ganondagan State Historic Site Victor NY
sponsored by Friends of Ganondagan (FOG)
food, vendors, music, dance, educational presentations

August 7-9 Ancient Wisdom Rising 2015, Sacred Fire Foundation,
<http://www.bluedeer.org/>, Margaretville, NY,

September 5-6 33rd Annual Iroquois Indian Festival
Iroquois Indian Museum
324 Caverns Road Howes Cave, NY

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(6) NEW! Clergy: Register now for required Boundary Awareness Training

In our life together, clergy are called to maintain boundaries as a means of maintaining covenant with each other and with those whom they serve. Understanding these boundaries and strategies to maintain them is important to doing ministry together.

Beginning in September, the Upper New York Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is offering Boundary Awareness Training for all clergy under appointment – this is not the same as Safe Sanctuary Training. This training is mandatory for all pastors in the Upper New York Conference.

The trainings will be led by the Rev. Diane Wheatley, in partnership with the Capital Region Theological Center. Rev. Wheatley is an ordained clergy member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Sessions will be held on the following dates and locations:

~~Sept. 24 at the Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center, Moravia~~ FILLED

Sept. 25 at the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, Clifton Park

Sept. 26 at the Plattsburgh UMC

Oct. 17 at the Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor

Oct. 27 at the Findley Camp & Retreat Center, Clymer

Oct. 28 at the Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Silver Lake

Oct. 29 at the Canton UMC

Jan. 9, 2016 at the Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center, Moravia

You are welcome to register for any event, pending space availability. You need only attend one event. You may register online for any event through the Capital Region Theological Center at crtc.org/upcoming/eventgroup.

The total fee for the course is \$85, which will be due upon check-in at the training. You may request a mini-grant (\$30) from your available continuing education funds from the Board of Ordained Ministry during the registration process or by contacting the Rev. Wayne Mort at wayneamort@aol.com. You will receive notification regarding the awarding of these funds prior to the event, however, you should come to the course prepared to pay.

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(7) Interested in becoming a Certified Lay Minister?

The district is thinking of offering a Certified Lay Minister program again in the district. Is this something that you would like to know more about? Do you have an interest in becoming a CLM? If so, please contact the district for more information. geneseevalleyumc@crcds.edu or 585-340-9525.

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(8) 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 September 21st 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

(9) NEW! Livonia UMC to offer Safe Sanctuary Training

Livonia UMC is having a "Safe Sanctuary" program/training, Tuesday, Aug 20th 7-9 at the church.

Sue Bell will be leading this seminar, which is mandatory to have for all who are teaching children, youth, and disabled adults.

The church is located at 21 Summers Street, Livonia NY 14487.

Please contact the church office for more information 585-346-3511

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(10) NEW! Asbury First UMC Annual Basement Sale.

Thousands of items! Costume jewelry, furniture, linens & quilts, glassware, lamps, pictures, and much more. Our boutique area features handbags, antique clothes and other unique items. You'll also be able to pick up a snack at our Bake Sale, running the same dates and times. All items are half-priced on Saturday.

Stop by after you visit the Park Ave Fest! Thursday, July 30, 4-7 pm; Friday, July 31, 10 am-4 pm; Saturday, August 1, 10 am-4 pm.

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(11) NEW! 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 August 12th. Meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and finger food desserts. Adults \$7; children 10 years and under \$3. Serving 5:00-7:00 pm We hope you can join us for dinner!

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(12) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC is holding a Blue Grass Jam!

E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church on Wed, August 12th from 3-7pm. Join us for great music and food! All are welcome! Free will offering. 2 Park Place at the corner of Rts. 5 & 20. Call (585) 657-7220 or email ebumc@frontiernet.net for more info. Every 2nd Wednesday (May-October).

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(13) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC is holding a Community Friendship Luncheon

A Community Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 20th from 11:30am -1pm at the E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church, Rts. 5 & 20 at Park Place in East Bloomfield. All are welcome for lunch and fellowship. A free will offering will be accepted. The church is handicapped accessible. Please call the church at 585/657-7220 for more information.

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(14) Penfield UMC to hold a Terrific Treasures Sale

Penfield UMC will hold its annual Terrific Treasures Rummage Sale on Friday, July 31st from 9 AM - 7 PM and Saturday, August 1st from 9 AM – 4 PM. Bake Sale, Furniture, Housewares, Toys, Games, Clothes, Tools, Artwork and more! The church is located at 1795 Baird Rd, Penfield, NY.

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(15) United Church of Pittsford has Positions Open:

CHURCH ORGANIST AND ACCOMPANIST THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD

This position will be open in September and is a full year position with vacation and optional Sundays. Our organist accompanies the choir with Sunday morning

rehearsals and anthems twice a month and often accompanies soloists and ensembles, along with other worship service music. Visit our website – www.ucpittsford.org – for a full job description and how to apply.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD

This position will be open mid-August and is a 20-hour/week full year position. The Christian Education director will work with the pastor and the Board of Christian Education to lead a program focused on outreach to families with children and youth. Visit our website – www.ucpittsford.org – for a full job description and how to apply.

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