

# E-News from the Valley!!!!

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E-News is an email communication tool (sent each Thursday) of the Genesee Valley District Office to clergy and laity across the District. For inclusion in the e-news please submit articles by noon on Wednesday.

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## (1) Note from the D.S.

Ted is away this week – check back next week for a new "Note from the DS"

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A look at the upcoming weeks 07/10/2015 – 07/30/2015

Sunday, July 12, 2015 = Visit to Perry First UMC

Monday, July 13, 2015 = Ted at out of town meeting in the morning

Monday, July 13, 2015 = Training (2:00 – 3:00pm)

Wednesday, July 15, 2015 = Meetings most of the day

Friday, July 17, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

Thursday, July 23, 2015 = DA training (10:00am – 1:30pm)

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

Thursday, July 30, 2015 = dCOM meeting @ CRCDS

***\*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**

**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! NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVALS in New York 2015**

July 10-11                      Tuscarora Field Days  
   Tuscarora Nation, Lewiston NY

July 17-19                      Veterans PowWow  
   Seneca Nation  
   Salamanca NY

- 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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**(5) NEW! Update on Africa 360 progress**

Churches all over the conference are answering the call to support Africa 360. The Africa 360 Challenge 2.0 was issued at Annual Conference in May, and each church has received a goal card to encourage them to participate. If your church did not receive a goal card, or has any other questions about resources, a speaker, or brainstorming creative ideas, email Laurel O'Connor, Africa 360 Field Coordinator at [LaurelOConnor@unyumc.org](mailto:LaurelOConnor@unyumc.org). There are resources and information online as well: <http://www.unyumc.org/mission/africa-360>. The August issue of the Advocate is dedicated specifically to Africa 360, so keep your eyes open for that issue that will be filled with church stories, ideas, and resources that are available for use.

In other news, the Albany District Ministry Team and the "AU Breakfast Table" have initiated an endowed scholarship to honor Virgia Phoenix, a remarkable woman and this year's recipient of the Denman award at Conference. Virgia's local church, First UMC, Schenectady, has joined as co-sponsor. If you would like to give a gift to honor Virgia and the profound impact she continues to have in the Upper New York Conference, please send donations to the Upper New York Conference office, written to UNYAC with "AU-Virgia Phoenix" in the memo line. If your church would like to take an offering for the Virgia Phoenix endowed scholarship and would like specially-marked envelopes, please contact Laurel O'Connor ([LaurelOConnor@unyumc.org](mailto:LaurelOConnor@unyumc.org)). If a church or group of churches is interested in honoring someone and would like more details about endowing a

full scholarship to Africa University, please contact the Conference Office for full details.

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#### **(6) 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](mailto:geneseevalleyumc@crcds.edu) or 585-340-9525.

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#### **(7) 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 July 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**

##### **(8) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC to host a Community Friendship Luncheon**

A Community Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 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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##### **(9) NEW! 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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**(10) 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](http://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](http://www.ucpittsford.org) – for a full job description and how to apply.

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**(11) Perry First UMC to hold a Baked Goods Sale**

**Baked Goods Sale** at the ***Perry Chalk Art Festival***, Main St., Downtown Perry, **9am-1pm, July 11**, sponsored by the **Perry First UMC**. Come and watch for FREE chalk artists from all over WNY compete for prizes, and enjoy day-long music and lunch offerings!

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