

E-News from the Valley!!!!

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(1) Note from the D.S.

Pentecost... 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!

when God's Spirit comes to us and wakens us...

we start to figure out ...

who we are...

what it means to be a disciple of Jesus

what it means to be the church...the body of Christ in the world

figuring out means...

prayer

reading God's Word

conversation with others for discernment

when the world changes around us... and God calls us to mission and ministry...

we are called to be ... who God has created us to be
... disciples of Jesus Christ
... individually parts of the body of Christ...the church

and we are called to ... pray...be present...witness...give and serve
... read/study/meditate on God's Word
... be part of God's team

we are blessed to be blessings in the world!

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A look at the upcoming weeks 06/05/2015 – 06/19/2015

Friday, June 5, 2015 = Ted's Sabbath

Monday, June 8, 2015 – Tuesday, June 9, 2015 = Ted is away at out of town meetings

Friday, May 12, 2015 – Monday, May 15, 2015 = Ted is away

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)

Friday, June 19, 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

Congratulations and Prayers requested for the Rev. Devin Lyles and his wife Logan (The Pillar) on the birth of their son John Marshall Lyles on May 30th. John Marshall made his entrance three weeks early and the doctors are keeping him in the hospital for a little while. Prayers are greatly appreciated for him to grow in strength.

Continued prayers for Bonnie Crichton as she deals with health issues.

Prayers for Ginny Archer who has fallen and is in Unity Hospital.

Prayers for Sheri Mort (the Rev. Wayne Mort's wife) for health issues.

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 – sign up w/District Office

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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)

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

Genesee Valley:

- Amy Beth W. Jones is appointed as a full deacon to Drew University: Interim Director of Theological Lifelong learning; Interim Associate Director of the D-Min program & UMC Liaison effective July 1, 2015.
- Manilla Owen is appointed as a full elder to Dansville and Sparta Center UMC's effective July 1, 2015.
- Nancy O'Connor Raca is appointed as a provisional elder less than full time to a new faith community, Sophia Community, in addition to her appointment at Rochester: Covenant UMC effective July 1, 2015.
- Wayne Mort is appointed as a full elder to Elma UMC effective July 1, 2015 (Niagara Frontier District)
- Devin Lyles is appointed as a provisional elder less than full time to The Pillar effective July 1, 2015.
- Nancy O'Connor Raca is appointed as a provision elder less than full time to Rochester: Covenant UMC effective July 1, 2015.
- 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! CRCDS to hold an Information Session

Please join us for a brief information session on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to learn about the varied degree and certificate programs offered at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Take this opportunity to meet others interested in learning about the vital and enduring mission of CRCDS, tour our campus, and talk with our current students. Find out what CRCDS has to offer you!

If you’ve been thinking about taking a course for personal enrichment, we’d be delighted to answer any questions you might have.

To RSVP for this event, please call 585-340-9500 or email admissions@crcds.edu.

We look forward to seeing you on June 17th!

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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 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 June 15th 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! Ionia UMC to hold Annual Strawberry Social

Annual Strawberry Social to benefit the Ionia United Methodist Church, Thursday, June 18th, 4:30 – 7:00 PM at the Ionia Fire Hall on County Road #14, just off Route 64 and Routes 5&20 in Ionia. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and delicious strawberry desserts! Items are priced a la carte. The hall will be air conditioned!

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(9) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC to host Blue Grass Jam!

Blue Grass Jam! E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church on Wed, June 10 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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(10) NEW! East Bloomfield UMC to hold Heavenly Treasures Rummage Sale

Heavenly Treasures Rummage Sale: E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church will hold its annual sale on **Fri, June 12 from 9am-7pm and Sat, June 13 from 9-noon**. Something for everyone! We always have many great treasures that we know YOU have been looking for! Come to shop, have fun, buy goodies at our great food booth! All proceeds will benefit the ministry of our Church. 2 Park Place at the corner of Rts. 5 & 20. Questions? 585-657-7220

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(11) Elmgrove UMC to host an Old-fashioned Christian revival meeting

Join us at Elmgrove UMC for an old-fashioned Christian revival meeting! Final Harvest and Southern Gospel Music Forum are hosting an array of gospel artists & special guest speaker Wanda Osborne at Elmgrove Church. There will be three sessions: Friday June 5th at 7:00 pm, Saturday June 6th at 5:00 pm and Sunday June 7th at 10:00 am. These brothers and sisters in Christ are like-minded and their hearts and ministries are centered on reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to come, be challenged, uplifted and strengthened. For more information send an email to FinalHarvestpromo@yahoo.com, go to the website <http://www.RunForYourLifeRevival.com> or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ElmgroveUMChurch.

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(12) Livonia UMC to hold a Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner at the United Methodist Church of Livonia, 21 Summers Street, Livonia, the second Wednesday of every month - next one is **June 10th**. 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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(13) Canadice UMC to hold 136th Annual Strawberry Festival

Canadice UMC located at 5949 Canadice Hill Rd (Canadice Corners) on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 3:00pm – 6:30pm.

Family style ham dinner – potato salad, baked beans, copper pennies, rolls, beverage and strawberry shortcake.

Cost is Adults \$10.00 and children (5-12) is \$5.00. Shortcake only is \$4.00

Take out available

Handicap Accessible

Craft and Bake sales – Silent Auction – Quarts of strawberries

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