

July 14, 2015

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Mountain View District has a Facebook Page!

Please go to our Facebook Page and "like".

Also please, feel free to add comments if led to do so!

DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 15th & 16th

There will not be a newsletter next week. (Patti on vacation)

Conference Office Contact Information

UNYAC Office of the UMC

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Summer Office hours: July 6- Sept. 4

Office hours: M-Thurs. 8:30am-4:30pm, Fri. 8:30am-12pm

Conference Website www.unyumc.org

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Email: resourcecenter@unyumc.org or Diane@unyumc.org

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- Big Flats & Corning Grace UMC's and Pastor Sue Wenner
 - Breesport & N. Chemung UMC's and Pastor Chip Possee
 - Burdett UMC and Pastor Bob Briggs
 - Campbell & Kanona UMC and Pastor Alan Jones
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FREE TO ANY UMC

Watkins Glen UMC has some table and chairs available to any UMC that needs them.

They have 33 Metal Folding Chairs and 9 older folding tables with carts.
You would need to pick up.
If interested or have any questions please call Pastor Mark Flandreau at:
607-562-3778

VBS PROGRAMS

If your church will be hosting a VBS program this summer please send me the detail and I will post them in the newsletter.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE UMC

VBS PROGRAM : Australian Outback Rock

"where kids venture into solid faith."

WHEN: July 16th-18th, 2015

WHERE: at Brand Park in Elmira, NY

TIME : 6 pm-8:30 pm (Thurs.& Fri.) and Saturday 10 am-noon

It will be loads of fun with awesome Bible stories, games, crafts and snacks.
Call Pennsylvania Ave UM Church at 607-733-4485 for more information.

OAKWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VBS PROGRAM : Camp E.D.G.E

AGE GROUP: Pre-K through 6th grade

WHEN: July 26th- July 30th, 2015

WHERE: Oakwood UMC

212 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY 14903

TIME : 5:45 pm-8 pm

CONTACT INFO: oakumc@stny.rr.com or 607-732-6042

NORTH COHOCTON UMC

VBS PROGRAM : G-force God's Love in Action

"In God we live, move, and exist."

WHEN: July 27th-31st, 2015

WHERE: North Cohocton UMC, 10 University Ave., N. Cohocton, NY 14808

TIME : 6 pm-8 pm

ARKPORT UMC

VBS PROGRAM : G-force God's Love in Action

"In God we live, move, and exist."

WHEN: Aug. 2nd - 6th, 2015

WHERE: Arkport UMC, 1 West Ave., Arkport, NY 14807

TIME : 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION: Church 607-295-7636

PRESHO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VBS PROGRAM : **G-force** God's Love in Action

A snack will be provided daily

AGE GROUP: Children 3yrs. -12yrs.

WHEN: **Aug. 3rd -7th, 2015**

WHERE: Presho UMC

1727 Indian Hills Rd., Painted Post, NY 14870

(Presho Exit 6 off of Rt. 99)

TIME : 9 am-1 pm

REGISTRATION: Pre-register by calling 607-382-0565 or 607-523-7236
or register at 8:30am on August 3

ANGELICA UMC

VBS PROGRAM : **Camp Discovery, Jesus at Work Through Us!**

"where kids venture into solid faith."

AGE GROUP: Children of all ages, including adults...there is an adult & youth study as well as children's programming.

WHEN: **Aug. 9th-13th, 2015**

WHERE: Angelica UMC, 15 Park Circle, Angelica, NY 14709

TIME : 6 pm-8 pm Starting with a free supper.

We will have a camping theme, with crafts or science projects, Bible study, a puppet show and music. You just have to come and see our Tree of Wisdom puppet theatre! For more information, email the church at angelicaumc@aol.com

Whats Happening in the District

Grace United Methodist Church annual RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: **Saturday, July 25, 2015**

WHERE: 191 Bridge St., Corning, NY 14830

TIME: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

DESCRIPTION:

Household items, Books, Clothing, Bake Sale Cafe will be serving food during the sale, Breakfast Pizza, Cinnamon Rolls, Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joe's and more.

Pine Valley United Methodist Church Men Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

WHEN: **Saturday, July 25, 2015**

WHERE: 519 Pine Valley Rd., Pine Valley, NY 14872

(located at the corner of Pine Valley Rd. & State RT. 14)

TIME: 11 am to 3 pm or gone

MENU:

½ Chicken, baked beans, salt potatoes, cole slaw, roll, & beverage

Eat-in or Take-out

Adults-\$8.50

For more information contact Lou or Diane Bower at: (607) 426-6699

PRESHO UMC – Healing Service

WHEN: **Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015**

WHERE: Presho UMC- 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post,
(Presho Exit 6 off Rt. 99).

DISH TO PASS: 5:45 pm

SERVICE TIME : 7 pm

On the first Tuesday of each month, an opportunity for anyone who wishes to come and pray for healing and wholeness in their lives, the lives of loved ones, the community or the world is offered by the Presho United Methodist Church.

We will read scripture, hear and sing music, and have a time for meditation and intercessory prayers. When we reconcile with God, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced and relationships are healed.

We are located at 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post, (Presho Exit 6 of Rt 99). We host a "Dish to Pass" dinner at 5:45pm and a Healing Service at 7pm. Bring a dish to pass at 5:45pm or just come at 7pm for the service. We will welcome you.

2015 UMW Mission u weekends announced

For 2015, the United Methodist Women of the Upper New York Conference will offer three Mission u weekends throughout the summer and early fall for study and reflection: **July 17-19** at Cazenovia College, **July 30-Aug. 1** at the Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, and **Sept. 11-13** at the Silver Bay YMCA Conference Center

On-Going Events in the Mountain View District

Lifetree Cafe meets each **Monday evening at 7pm**. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at Fresh Start Corner, Arnot Mall (Across from Ruby Tuesdays).

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Sue Dunlap at lifetreecafe@freshstartmall.org.

For more information, please visit our Facebook -
<http://www.facebook.com/lifetreecafeandnotmall>

Bath Centenary UMC – Men’s Bible Study

WHEN: Thursday Evenings

WHERE: 3 W. Washington St., Bath, NY 14810

TIME: 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

DESCRIPTION: Prayer, Worship, Study & Accountability. All men are invited, welcomed and encouraged to join us for a time of prayerful worship, Bible study, and time for fellowship for accountability to God, ministry for His church and our families.

CONTACT: Jessepruitt62@gmail.com or call 631-416-8115

Other Information

Attention Local Church Trustees

Coverage with Church Mutual Insurance Company If your church HAS NOT HAD a visit by Church Mutual yet, they should contact their representative (on the policy) and schedule an appointment. **For more information go to:** <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/board-of-trustees>

NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVALS in New York 2015

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,
Margaretville, NY, <http://www.bluedeer.org/>

September 5-6 33rd Annual Iroquois Indian Festival

Iroquois Indian Museum

324 Caverns Road Howes Cave, NY

September 12-13 Seneca Indian Fall Festival

Cattaraugus Territory

September 12-13 Akwesasne Pow Wow (Grand entry at 12 noon.)
Akwesasne Territory, Mohawk Nation
Anowarakowa Arena, Cornwall Island, Ontario.

September 12-13 Saratoga Native American Festival
Victoria Pool Mall
Saratoga Spa State Park

September 18-27, 2015 World Indoor Lacrosse Championship
First ever international sporting event held on Indigenous lands.
Thirteen nations will compete for the championship in Syracuse
For more information: <http://wilc2015.com>

September 25-27 Polishing the Silver Covenant Chain:
Building Relationships for the good of the Earth
Six Nations Grand River Reserve, Ontario, Canada.
To register: 406-587-1002 or email Eric Noyes, Eric@twocircles.org.

November 11 Canandaigua Treaty Celebration
Noon till 9pm Court house lawn Canandaigua and Elementary School
Commemorates the 200+ years of the treaty
(parade, food, vendors, educational presentations, social)

Conference Information

Africa 360 Update

NEW

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.

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). 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.

BOUNDARY AWARENESS TRAINING – (This is not the same as Safe Sanctuary Training)

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

Beginning in September 2015, the Upper New York Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is offering Boundary Awareness Training for **all clergy under appointment**. ***This training is mandatory.*** 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, 2015 Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center, Moravia

Sept. 25, 2015 Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, Clifton Park

Sept. 26, 2015 Plattsburgh United Methodist Church, Plattsburgh

Oct. 17, 2015 Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Windsor

Oct. 27, 2015 Findley Camp and Retreat Center, Clymer

Oct. 28, 2015 Asbury Camp and Retreat Center, Silver Lake

Oct. 29, 2015 Canton United Methodist Church, Canton

Jan. 9, 2016 Casowasco Camp and 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
<https://crtc.org/upcoming/eventgroup>.

Total fee for the course is \$85, which will be due upon check-in at the training. You will have the option to 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. You should come to the course prepared to pay.

Registration live for 2015 Bishop's Retreat

Online registration for clergy and their spouses for the 2015 Bishop's Retreat featuring guest speaker Bishop Robert Schnase of the Missouri Conference is now open. This year's retreat will be held Oct. 20-22 at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa in Rochester. The cost is \$295 for double occupancy, \$395 for a single and \$170 for commuters.

Conference Board of Trustees takes possession of 7481 Henry Clay Blvd.

The Upper New York Conference Board of Trustees is happy to announce that it is now in possession of the property located at 7481 Henry Clay Blvd. in Liverpool. This is the result of months of negotiation following a vote to move forward with the purchase at a special session of the Annual Conference in October 2014.

The trustees will now begin work with architects to renovate the property. It is expected that the property will become the new home for the Upper New York Episcopal and Conference offices in the next six to nine months. More details will be shared through Conference communications channels as they become available.

First July issue of the *Bridge* available

The July Vol. 2 issue of the *Bridge* is now available for download. This issue of the *Bridge* features the story of how Rev. David Heise is reaching one young person at a time, news about resources for local churches to share in the *Act of Repentance* from the 2015 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference, and much more news and information from around the Upper New York Conference.

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 a church bulletin insert or as a standalone item. If you have questions or are unable to make copies, please contact Communications@unyumc.org.

Conference introduces new event registration system

The Upper New York Conference has transitioned to a “simpler” system for event registration.

“The new registration system for Upper New York will be fully integrated with our Mission Connect database,” said Stephen Hustedt, Conference Director of Communications. “This will result in better follow-up, better communication, and a better overall experience for attendees.”

The new system, called ***Mission Connect – SignUp***, is different from the one that was formerly used, Brick River. Those wishing to sign up for an event may create an account with the new system. Once the account is created, a user can simply log on using the prompt on the left side of the website for those who already have an account. This will be a great benefit to regular users and make registration much easier.

When a user signs into the system, he or she will see a list of events and can select which one(s) he or she would like to sign up for.

Payment will be similar to the old registration system – users can pay by check or by credit card as the event allows.

Mission Connect – SignUp has many improvements:

- It allows users to save their information so that if they wish to sign up for another event in the future, their information – including name, address, gender, and birthdate – will already be filled in, and they won’t have to re-enter information each time.
- If users create an account, rather than using the guest registration they can start an event registration, save it, and complete the registration at a later time. Those that use guest registration must fill out their event registration in one sitting (including payment), otherwise their entry will be lost. Guest registration is not recommended as a best practice.

- User information is imported into the Conference database and, with validation, is used to update existing contact information so that the Conference database is updated without additional contact.
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Camp & Retreats Information

Sign Up for a Summer Program TODAY!

Summer is just around the corner AND it all starts here at Camp! Wild action and pure fun, sun-soaked days, friends, great food, and all in a spectacular setting. What makes summer camp so special? We love kids! And we're built from the ground up for kids to experience an unforgettable, life-changing week. Step out of the everyday and soar into another world! Sign up today at www.campsandretreats.org for a choice of over 180 summer programs for children and youth PLUS we have over 30 programs for adults, families, special needs adults, and clergy! Questions? E-mail us at info@campsandretreats.org or call us at 315-424-7878 ext. 309 or TOLL FREE: 855-424-7878 ext. 309. See you soon!

UNY Camp & Retreat Ministries is a ministry of the Upper NY Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
