

**July 9, 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!

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**Nancy's Notes - #40**

Hi, Friends.

What a blessing it is to be in the Body of Christ – in good times, bad times, and all the times in between!

We never know what a day is going to bring, do we? You undoubtedly know by now that a car drove into a Sunday School room of the New Beginnings UMC in Elmira last Friday, killing the driver. So many of you have been praying, and those continuing prayers are much appreciated by all involved. Some of you have inquired if there are hands on ways to help in addition to prayer. (Professionals are involved in the clean-up, but again

your desire to help is appreciated). Thanks be to God for the witness of the Rev. Leanne Zeck and the congregation of New Beginnings, to first and foremost be praying for the family of the driver.

In some other developments, I have felt the prayers of the Body of Christ regarding several experiences in the last couple of weeks, especially. Within the Body of Christ, I have cried with folks, and folks have cried with me. Within the Body of Christ, I have laughed with folks, and folks have laughed with me. I have heard this week how the Body of Christ has welcomed new pastors and families with wonderful hospitality.

What a blessed gift it is – this Body of Christ! We all have our important parts to fulfill, using our God-given gifts. No gift is insignificant, and every gift is needed. As we live out our discipleship each day, may we use our gifts inside, but also outside the Body of Christ as well, to bring the love of Christ to those who don't yet know Him.

Use us Lord, use even us, just as You will and when and where..." (Adapted from vs. 4 of "Lord, Speak to Me," United Methodist Hymnal, #463).

Mountain View District – continue to be the Body of Christ at its best! It is a blessing to serve with you.

With You in the Journey, Nancy

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### **Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week**

- Avoca & Mitchellsville UMC's and Pastor Barre Butts
- Bath Centenary UMC and Pastor Eleanor Collinsworth
- Beaver Dams UMC and Pastor Don Guiles
- Belmont & Scio UMC and Pastor Dick Hurd

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### **All in the Family**

#### **Please pray for:**

- Please keep in your prayers New Beginnings UMC, Pastor Leanne Zeck and the family of the victim of the crash that went through the Sunday school wing of New Beginnings on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER**

#### **OAKWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

VBS PROGRAM : **Camp E.D.G.E**

AGE GROUP: Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**WHEN: July 26<sup>th</sup>- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**WHERE:** Oakwood UMC

212 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights, NY 14903

**TIME:** 5:45 pm-8 pm

**CONTACT INFO:** [oakumc@stny.rr.com](mailto:oakumc@stny.rr.com) or 607-732-6042

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## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of HORNELL**

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

**AGE Group:** Ages 3yr. – 11yrs.

**WHEN: July 12<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**WHERE:** United Methodist Church of Hornell, 7528 North Main Street Ext.  
Hornell, NY 14843

**TIME:** Sunday – Thurs. 6-8:30 PM

Five evenings of free fun...crafts, games, snack, music and more!

Register on our website- [www.umchornell.com](http://www.umchornell.com) or on our Facebook page ahead of time. For more information, call 607-324-3281

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## **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

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## **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. 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HORSEHEADS**

VBS PROGRAM : **Hometown Nazareth** "Where Jesus was a Kid"

AGE Group: Ages 3yr. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
7<sup>th</sup> grade & up helpers welcome

WHEN: **July 12<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 1034 W. Broad Street  
Horseheads, NY 14845

TIME: Sunday July 12 4-6pm, Mon. July 13- Thurs. July 16 9am-noon

For more information, contact Louise @ 739-1943 or email

[fumced12@gmail.com](mailto:fumced12@gmail.com)

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## **UNITED CHURCH of PAINTED POST**

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

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

AGE GROUP: Children 4yrs. to those completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

WHEN: **July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

WHERE: United Church of Painted Post  
201 Hamilton St., Painted Post, NY 14870

TIME : 9:30am-12:00 Noon

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## **PENNSYLVANIA AVE UMC**

VBS PROGRAM : **Australian Outback Rock**

"where kids venture into solid faith."

WHEN: **July 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## **NORTH COHOCTON UMC**

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

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

WHEN: **July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

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

TIME : 6 pm-8 pm

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## **ARKPORT UMC**

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

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

WHEN: **Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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

TIME : 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION: Church 607-295-7636

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## **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. 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:angelicaumc@aol.com)

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**Whats Happening in the District**

**PRESHO UMC – Healing Service**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 7, 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.

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**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.

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**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

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### **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>

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### **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](mailto:lifetreecafe@freshstartmall.org).

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

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### **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](mailto:Jessepruitt62@gmail.com) or call 631-416-8115

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### **MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT UMW DATES**

**July 17 - 19** Mission u at Cazenovia College

**September 26** Fall District Meeting at New Beginnings

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## **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

**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](mailto: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)

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**Conference Information**

**For the Full list of 2015-16 Appointments go to:**

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



## Celebrate new, continuing Upper New York appointments

Appointments in The United Methodist Church are annual, and most begin following the Annual Conference session; in the case of Upper New York, this is July 1. We celebrate all in Upper New York pulpits who either started a new beginning on Sunday, July 5, or continued in their assignment from the prior year. Be affirmed that God has planted you right where God wants you!

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### **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 waynemort@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.

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## **First July issue of the *Bridge* available**

The July Vol. 1 issue of the *Bridge* is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. This issue of the *Bridge* features an article by the Rev. Jeff Childs highlighting Upper New York's members' generosity in their support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and items about the Conference's new event registration system and customer satisfaction survey among others.

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](mailto:Communications@unyumc.org).

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## **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](http://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](mailto: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

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## **Asbury Camp & Retreat**

### **Together Time: A Family Retreat July 13th - July 15th, 2015**

Create family memories that will last a lifetime. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles are invited to spend time with their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Exciting activities will engage families of all ages.

Tubing, kayaking, and canoeing on Silver Lake

- Swimming in the Asbury pool with a water slide

- Nightly campfires
- An outdoor movie
- Creative crafts
- Frisbee Golf
- New for 2015: Fishing on Silver Lake

Bible teaching and worship will bookend the fun! What better place to create family traditions than here at Asbury Retreat Center! Your retreat will begin with dinner on Monday night and conclude Wednesday at 4:00 pm. All housing will be in one of our two retreat lodges – with either private or semi private bathrooms!

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## **Asbury Camp & Retreat**

### **Sharing Hope Retreat July 16th - July 18th, 2015**

Is sharing your faith and visiting those who can no longer attend worship services something you enjoy or feel called to do? Come and practice Christian caring skills in bringing hope to the sick and homebound. This retreat offers twelve hours of practical training and team formation for development of a visitation team in your local church. Focus will be on a United Methodist theology of care, the practice of listening/responding, approaches to home and hospital visitation, supporting the bereaved, ministry with older adults, visitation team logistics, and offering hope through presence, prayer, and Scripture. Facilitated by REBECCA NABER Your retreat begins on Thursday with dinner and the first session following dinner. The retreat concludes with lunch on Saturday. This retreat may be used for continuing education and lay servant advanced credit.

For more information please call 585-237-5262 or register online at [www.asburyuny.org](http://www.asburyuny.org)

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