

**June 18, 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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**Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week**

- Wellsville UMC and Pastor Greg DeSalvatore
- Elmira: Westside UMC and Pastor Vincent Howell
- Woodhull UMC and Pastor Brian Diffenbacher
- Addison UMC and Pastor Peggy Knopf

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**All in the Family**

**Please pray for:**

Let us continue to hold our DS Nancy, and all the District DS's in our thoughts and prayers as they are still working on appointments.

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**Don't Forget About These**

**Are you an organized person?** Mountain View District is seeking a person to be the district moving coordinator. Your responsibilities as the district coordinator would be: contacting the pastor, assigning a mover, collecting information which could affect scheduling (i.e. family events, needed work on parsonage). You would work with the Conference Moving Coordinator. Their responsibility is negotiating with moving companies and organizing the flow of the move.

If you possess this gift and think you are being called to this ministry, please **contact the district office as soon as possible** by calling 607-962-8047 or email [mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:mountainviewdistrict@unyumc.org)

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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.

### **PENNSYLVANIA AVE UMC**

VBS PROGRAM : **Australian Outback Rock**

"where kids venture into solid faith."

WHEN: **June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

WHERE: at the Community Park in Big Flats, NY

TIME : 6pm-8:30pm(Thurs.& Fri.)and

Saturday 10am-noon with a picnic following

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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### **HAMMONDSPOrt COMMUNITY VBS**

**NEW**

VBS PROGRAM : **Son Rock Kids Camp**

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

Teen Helpers: 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

WHEN: **June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 35 Lake St.  
Hammondsport, NY 14840

TIME : 9 am-12 pm Daily.

Contact information: 607-569-3511 or humc12@frontier.com

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

**NEW**

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**

**NEW**

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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## **NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER**

**Bath: Centenary UMC** is investigating the use of a "robo-calling" or "call multiplier" service for notifying church members & friends of prayer needs, church events, etc. We would like to know if any other churches in the District are using such a system, and if so, what service provider they use and what their experiences have been. Please contact Pastor Eleanor Collinsworth by e-mail at [egcollinsworth@gmail.com](mailto:egcollinsworth@gmail.com) if you can be of assistance. Thank you!

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## **How is Upper New York's customer service?**

## Take a survey now

In order to better serve the members and local churches of the Upper New York Conference, a customer service survey has been developed to provide the Conference with feedback from those who have received service from Conference staff. If you have had an interaction with the Conference office, please help us perfect our service by filling out the brief five-minute survey. To complete the survey go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U5T2JV2nbEKSVBhbxhfYWYLkajzWH1kH5qrYISMRXws/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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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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## **Whats Happening in the District**

### **PINE VALLEY UMC – Breakfast Buffet**

**WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2015**

**WHERE:** Pine Valley UMC- 519 Pine Valley Rd.

Pine Valley, NY 14872

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

**SERVING TIMES :** 8 am- 11am

**COST:** \$5.00 Adults      \$3.00 Children under 12

**MENU:** Pancake, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Coffee & more.    Eat-in or Take-out

All proceeds will assist youth with the cost of summer camping fees.

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

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### **PRESHO UMC – John Bloise Memorial Strawberry Festival of Desserts**

**WHEN: Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

**WHERE:** Presho UMC- 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post,

(Presho Exit 6 off Rt. 99).

607-523-7250

**SERVING TIME :** 4-7 pm

**COST:** \$4.00 – Includes dessert and hot or cold beverage

Aged 5 and under - free

Choose from strawberries with angel food cake, biscuits or pie, served with or without ice cream. Sugar free desserts will be available.

Benefit for the Work of the Church

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### **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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## **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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### **Missing: Media Center looking for display items at AC '15**

The following items were inadvertently borrowed from the Media Center display at Annual Conference without being properly check out:

Finding Our Way - book

Justice in Everyday Life - book

6 Ways We Encounter God – DVD

If you borrowed them, please contact Diane Miner at [Diane@unyumc.org](mailto:Diane@unyumc.org) or by phone at (607) 757-0608, so that she may sign them out to you.

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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**

**June 20      Gathering at the Heart of Niagara**

Goat Island, Niagara Falls NY

(a traditional Iroquois festival, food, vendors, dance presentations)

**June 27-28   Strawberry Festival**

Kanatsiehareke

4934 State Highway 5, Fonda, NY

**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**

### **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](mailto: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.

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### **June Vol. 2 issue of the Bridge now available**

The June Vol. 2 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 more highlights from the 2015 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference.

If you have questions or are unable to make copies, please contact [Communications@unyumc.org](mailto:Communications@unyumc.org).

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### **Imagine No Malaria**

Here is the final leaderboard for the District Text-to-Donate Challenge (which closed Tuesday)

Niagara Frontier

Crossroads

Tied for third: Genesee Valley and Binghamton

Thank you for getting the word out; Niagara Frontier, Crossroads, Genesee Valley, and Cornerstone all got a final boost last week (which is part of the reason why Genesee Valley snuck into third place!)

\$590 total was raised; that's a bit short of our goal but there were some major technical issues (between cell carriers not allowing text-to-donate,

and people being unsure of how to text-to-donate, etc) that we will learn from as we move forward!

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## **Camp & Retreats Information**

### **CRM centers host open house events**

The six [Camp & Retreat Ministries](#) centers across Upper New York are hosting open houses over the next six weeks. The schedule of events is:

[Aldersgate](#): 2-7 p.m. June 13

[Casowasco](#): 2-7 p.m. June 14

[Skye Farm](#): 1-4 p.m. June 27

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### **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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### **Primetime at the Lake (Camp Asbury)**

**June 15 - 17, 2015**

Primetime at the Lake's mission is to provide a place for adults to share their experienced journeys, awaken to new insights, and continue to draw closer to God. This is offered within Asbury's retreat setting overlooking beautiful Silver Lake.

Check out the exciting programming planned for this retreat!

Bible Study led by Rev. Wayne West. Wayne will use Scripture to engage participants in discussions about "Authentic Discipleship". .

Tuesday morning you will have the opportunity to join an "Interest Group".

"NATURE AND GEOLOGY HIKE"

"CONNECTING: TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA"

"PRAYING WITH YOUR CAMERA"

"PERSECUTION AND PROMISE: EGYPTIAN CHRISTIANITY TODAY"

Evening Entertainment: Music Through the Decades with Eric & Elise Kelly : This father/daughter duo of Western New York's Kelly's Old Timers Band will share songs from the past to present. Stroll down memory lane as you enjoy their fabulous acoustic sound.

Evening of Magic with David Black: David is a professional magician who has performed for over 30 years. You are guaranteed to leave with a smile! When David is not performing magic, he is the Discipleship Coordinator at Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City, NY.

This all inclusive package includes two overnight accommodations, six healthy and nourishing meals, Bible study, worship, interest group presentations, evening entertainment, boat rides on Silver Lake, and more.

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