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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 - #38

Hi, Friends.

I haven't missed many opportunities to share with you weekly in this space, but I've missed the last two! (I continue to post on the Mountain View District Facebook page, so if you haven't checked it out, please do).

On June 17th, nine people who went to prayer meeting in Charleston, South Carolina were murdered in their church building. One of the items I shared on our District Facebook page is the song below, written by 21st Century hymn writer and Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Tears streamed down my face as I read (sang) it the first time, and I choked up as I read the words at two services during prayer time this past Sunday where I had the opportunity to preach.

We never know what a day is going to bring, do we? These people were sharing their faith with a stranger – the very one who would take their lives.

They shared Christ's love with one who hated them simply because of the color of their skin. What a witness to the world their families have been in publicly forgiving the shooter! Romans 12:21 reads "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." This is no easy task, but the families of those slain and many in the city of Charleston and around the world are doing just this, by the grace of God, and yes, only by the grace of God. It doesn't mean they aren't hurting. It doesn't mean their hearts aren't broken. It simply means that they have chosen not to respond to hate with hate. They have chosen not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good. May we learn from, follow, and be strengthened by their example!

With You in the Journey, ***Nancy***

They Met to Read the Bible

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6 ("Beneath the Cross of Jesus")

They met to read the Bible,
they gathered for a prayer,
They worshiped God and shared with friends
and welcomed strangers there.
They went to church to speak of love,
To celebrate God's grace.
O Lord, we tremble when we hear
What happened in that place.

O God of love and justice,
we thank you for the nine.
They served in their communities
and made the world more kind.
They preached and sang and coached and taught,
And cared for children, too.
They blessed your church and blessed your world
With gifts they used for you.

We grieve a wounded culture
Where fear and terror thrive,
Where some hate others for their race
And guns are glorified.
We grieve for sons and daughters lost,
For grandmas who are gone.
O God, we cry with broken hearts:
This can't continue on!

God, may we keep on sowing
The seeds of justice here,
Till guns are silent, people sing,
And hope replaces fear.
May seeds of understanding grow
And flourish all our days.
May justice, love and mercy be
The banner that we raise.

Tune: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

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Email: bcgillette@comcast.net New Hymns: www.carolynshymns.com

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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

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.
- Keep the people of Charleston South Carolina in our thoughts and prayers as they heal from the tragedy of the shooting.
- All of the people being affected by the escaped prisoners from the Clinton Correctional Facility and all the law enforcement agencies and their families.
- Prayers for those in transition as we bid farewell to: Rev. Patricia Brown, Mark Erway, Dan & Peg Knopf, Terry Kelly.
- Prayers as we welcome Rev. Beth Kottemann (Tyrone UMC), Rev. Sue Wenner (Big Flats & Corning Grace), Erick Potter (Troupsburg), Becky Worth (Allentown & Bolivar), Bob Briggs (Burdett), Sandy Brant (Presho)
- Prayers for those that have moved within the district: Rev. Marian Luce (Short Tract & Swain), Gary Wickard (S. Canisteo & Greenwood),

Lenny Fuller (Hornell), Mark Flandreau (Addison & Watkins Glen), Rev. Vincent Howell (Webb Mills & Westside)

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

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 25th-27th, 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.

HAMMONDSPOrt COMMUNITY VBS

VBS PROGRAM : Son Rock Kids Camp

AGE Group: Pre-K through 6th grade.

Teen Helpers: 7th grade through 12th grade

WHEN: June 29th-July 3rd, 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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HORSEHEADS

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

AGE Group: Ages 3yr. – 6th grade

7th grade & up helpers welcome

WHEN: July 12th-July 16th, 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

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 6th grade.

WHEN: July 13th-17th, 2015

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

TIME : 9:30am-12:00 Noon

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.

NORTH COHOCTON UMC **NEW**

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 **NEW**

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

ANGELICA UMC

NEW

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

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

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!

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

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

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

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.

Other Information

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 if you can be of assistance. Thank you!

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>

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/lifetreecafeandnotmail>

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

MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT UMW DATES

July 17 - 19 Mission u at Cazenovia College

September 26 Fall District Meeting at New Beginnings

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.

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

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.

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.

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>

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.

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!

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

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

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.
