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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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Words from Nancy # 37

Hi, Friends.

Allow me to take a few moments to reflect on Annual Conference, which just concluded on Saturday. The fellowship of Conference is rich – seeing old friends and making new ones. My seminary roommate presented me with a small bag of M&Ms everyday! She knows me well!

As always, Bishop Webb's sermon for opening worship was a stirring call to action, reminding us of the promise of harvest. One of the stories of harvest that was celebrated was from our own Angelica UMC. Keep up the good work!

We were also reminded of Mary's response to the angel Gabriel, when she heard that she would bear the Savior of the world: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." What if we earnestly prayed Mary's response every day, as we listen attentively for that word (Word)? What would it mean if we remembered each day that like Mary, we are all called to be Christ-bearers in the world and on the Mountain View District?

Bishop Devadhar's Bible study on the Lord's Prayer challenged us with these and other questions: "Do we live the Lord's prayer?" Do we hallow God's name in every situation and decision? I believe the following was from an Amish source: "We cannot pray 'Thy kingdom come,' until we pray, 'My kingdom go.'" Ouch... Important words to ponder... Bishop Devadhar also talked about the power of forgiveness, and in keeping with something that he has done, and that Bishop Webb also did, I ask your forgiveness if I have done anything to hurt you in any way. I mean that.

The table discussions we had around the topic of human sexuality were extremely helpful, and the people at my table were extremely respectful of one another, despite some differing opinions. That speaks highly of the Body of Christ – and is the way it should be! I hope we use this format for discussing other issues in the future.

What a marvelous witness it was that the Upper New York Annual Conference elected so many youth and young adults to be delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference in 2016! Thanks be to God for these young disciples of Jesus Christ who are willing to serve in this way!

As always, the service of commissioning and ordination was exciting. Congratulations to the Rev. Chad Sayers, pastor of Caton UMC on our district, who is newly commissioned as a provisional elder. We rejoice with you and are proud of you, Chad! It is overwhelming to me as I witness those who respond to the Bishop's altar call each year – and it's not just to pastoral ministry that the people are responding. I had the privilege of praying with a woman who responded because God is calling her to join her church's visitation ministry. Awesome!

A comment was made publicly at Conference, de-valuing the role and call of licensed local pastors. Something I want to make sure you understand is that I value the ministry of ALL the pastors! I've said this

countless times, and I will say it again: The highest calling any of us has is to do what God is calling us to do – whether lay or clergy. May each of us continue to respond in joyful obedience to God's call on our lives.

There is so much more I could say about Conference, but I will let the above suffice. If you would like to discuss anything I've commented on, please let me know.

With You in the Journey, Nancy

Churches & Pastors to keep in Prayer this Week

- Presho UMC and Pastor Bill Lusk
- Rathbone UMC and Pastor mort Gridley
- Risingville & Wheeler UMC's and Pastor Veronica Seeley
- Short Tract & Swain UMC's and Pastor Gary Wickard

All in the Family

Please pray for:

- Continued prayers for our District Superintendent Nancy and all of the DS's as well as the Bishop as they work very hard to make the best decisions for the Appointments that still need to be filled.

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.

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

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

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>

NEW ITEMS IN NEWSLETTER

PINE VALLEY UMC – Pulled Pork or Beef BBQ Sandwich Dinner

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 2015

WHERE: Pine Valley UMC- 519 Pine Valley Rd., Pine Valley, NY 14872
located at the corner of Pine Valley Rd & State RT 14.

SERVING TIMES : 4 pm-7 pm

COST: Adults- \$7.00 Children under 12- \$4.00

MENU: *Pulled Pork or Beef BBQ Sandwich, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Cole Slaw, dessert & Beverage*

Eat-in or Take-out

All are welcome!!!

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

PRESHO UMC – Healing Service

WHEN: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

WHERE: Prescho UMC- 1727 Indian Hills Rd, Painted Post,
(Prescho 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 Prescho 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, (Prescho 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.

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. 1 issue of the Bridge now available

The June 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 information about camp offerings in Upper New York and where you can find follow-up information on the 2015 AC session.

If you have questions or are unable to make copies, please contact Communications@unyumc.org.

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.

Crozer Divinity School Offers Info Session

At 5 p.m., June 17th, there will be an information session to learn about degree and certificate program offered at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester. The session includes tours, an opportunity to talk to current students and a chance to find out what CRCDS can offer you. RSVP at: admissions@crcds.edu, or 585-340-9500.

Imagine No Malaria

Here's the update on district competition put forth on Saturday May 30 at Annual Conference. (texting to donate to Imagine No Malaria; for each text sent to 27722, \$10 gets added to a person's cell phone bill (message and data rates apply) and goes to Imagine No Malaria.

The 'phone number' is the 27722 (just like any other number, only 5 digits instead of 7-10) and then in the text message goes "Malaria" (no quotes), a space, and the district name.

Here is the Leaderboard as of June 2, 2015

1. Niagara Frontier (it was a tie for first with Crossroads at AC, but NF pulled ahead!)
2. Crossroads
3. Binghamton
4. Genesee Valley
5. Northern Flow
6. (4-way tie) Albany, Finger Lakes, Oneonta, Cornerstone
7. (2-way tie) Mountainview and Adirondack

The Next Update will be next week so we can see if the leaderboard has changed!

NORTH CHEMUNG UMC – Chicken & Biscuits

WHEN: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

WHERE: North Chemung UMC- 677 Breesport North Chemung Rd.
Lowman, NY 14861

SERVING TIMES : Starting at 4:30 pm

COST: \$8.00 per person

All are welcome!!!

Other 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:

[Asbury](#): 2-5 p.m. June 7

[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

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/lifetreecafearnotmall>

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
