

July 15th, 2015

Oneonta District Office UMC Newsletter
of the Upper New York Annual Conference

"Living the gospel of Jesus Christ and Being God's love with our neighbors in all places."



Together, let us pray for

The people of First Oneonta UMC and Pastoral Leader Teresa Sivvers

all those who suffer and those in trouble

those who struggle with addiction

all who suffer violence

for the concerns of our local communities

*for all graduates, children and teachers, that summer vacation will bring renewal and joy to each one
people served by our food pantries, community meal ministries, thrift shops*

prayers for Rev Tom Pullyblank & his son Bradon leaving today July 15th on a VIM trip to Hogansburg NY

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders

for wisdom and justice in our national and community conversations around racism

Those recovering from flooding and storm devastation

for the Church universal- its leaders, its members, and its mission

New faith communities in Upper New York Conference

Pastors and congregations in the midst of transition to new appointments

for the congregations of the Schoharie Region, especially Dorloo, Hyndsville, Mineral Springs, and Warnerville

Prayers for those in transition as we bid farewell to:

Rev. Olu Harding (retired) and wife Essie

Rev. Emily Huyge- Appointed to Mexico First – Albany District

Rev. Sue Wenner – Appointed to Big Flats & Corning Grace- Mountain View District

Pastor Brenda Tompkins – Appointed to Mechanicville – Albany District

Prayers as we welcome:

Pastor Dan Martin (Westford/Worcester)

Pastor Donna Martin (Elm Park)

Pastor Justin Hood (Mt. Upton/ Sand Hill / Unadilla Center)

Prayers for those that have moved within the district:

Pastor Brandi Craver (Otego & Unadilla)

Pastor Gary Kubitz -Associate Pastor at Sidney (in addition to Bainbridge & Afton)

Pastor Maryellen Moore- Barnerville (in addition to Middleburgh & Grosvenors Corners)

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Summer District Newsletter : will be distributed every other week

- on the following dates

July 15th & 29th, August 12th & 26th

SUMMER OFFICE HRS :

Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 8 am - 4 pm

Mondays- Working but not in office - checking emails & phone messages Mid Day

Important - Rev. Jan Rowell will be unavailable July 21 through 24th and August 1- 16th. During Jan's absence please contact the district office at (607) 441-5102 and Teresa will attempt to assist you and/or direct your concerns to others that can assist.

District & Conference Events Coming Soon

| Date | Time | Item | Location |
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| Sun., July 26th | 10 am - 6 pm | Praise in the Park | General Clinton Park on Rt 7 in Bainbridge NY see details below |
| Mon., Aug 17th | 5:30 pm | dLT - District Leadership Team | Elm Park Fellowship hall |
| Mon., Aug. 31st | TBA | dCOM - District Committee on Ministry | TBA |
| Wed., Sept 9th | 4:30 pm | dBLB -District Board of locations and Buildings | Downstairs District Office |
| Thurs., Sept 10th | 2:30 - 6 PM 5:00-8:30 pm | Fall Orientation for pastors and Lay Leaders | First Oneonta UMC - Embury Room |
| Tues., Sept. 22nd | 5:30 pm | dCOS - District Committee on Superintendency | Downstairs District Office |
| Thurs. Sept 24th | | Boundaries Training | Casowasco Camp and Retreat Center, Moravia - see details below to register |
| Sat. Sept 26th | TBA | Connect and Receive District Gathering | Cobleskill UMC details TBA |

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| Sat Oct 17th | | Boundaries Training | Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Windsor see details below to register |
| Sun., Nov. 15th | Following Worship Service | Sidney Regional Church Conference | Sidney UMC |
| Mon., Nov. 16th | TBA | Norwich Regional Church Conference | Oxford UMC |
| Tues., Nov. 17th | TBA | Oneonta Regional Church Conference | Elm park UMC |
| Wed., Nov. 18th | TBA | Cooperstown Regional Church Conference | Cooperstown UMC |
| Thurs., Nov. 19th | TBA | Schoharie Regional Church Conference | Esperance- Sloansville UMC |
| Tues., Dec 1st | TBA | Advent Day Apart | TBA |
| Tues., March 1st, 2016 | TBA | Lenten Day Apert | TBA |
| Sat., March 5th, 2016 | TBA | Oneonta District Days | Elm park UMC |
| Thurs., April 14th, 2016 | TBA | Bishop's Day on the District | TBA |

Support Africa 360

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.

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Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. –African Proverb

Boundary Awareness Training for Pastors

This training is mandatory for all pastors under appointment

in the Upper New York Annual Conference.

(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 for all pastors in the Upper New York Annual Conference.** 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.

NEW - United Methodism 101 - July 22 – September 2, 2015

Get to know The United Methodist Church through this six-week online course. New and old members alike can dive into the church's **history, structure, beliefs** and more.

Registration is open until July 21. Seating is limited. Sign up today!

[Learn more click here](#)

[Register Click here](#)

Camping & Retreat Ministries - <http://www.unyumc.org/about/crm>

Sign Up for a Summer Program TODAY!

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!

Director's Invitational accepting nominations

The 2015 Director's Invitational, held at the [Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center](#) in Moravia, is now accepting nominations of young leaders (ages 14 through 2015 high school graduates) for this five-day program. Director's Invitational, which begins Aug. 9, is a spiritual leadership seminar that helps young people recognize their style of leadership and develop their own unique, God-given gifts. [DETAILS](#)

Chuck Knows Church videos on The Committee at <http://www.chuckknowschurch.com> The latest is Evangelism.-Other good ones are the Pilot, Hospitality, Reflecting the Community, and Our Purpose. Great for use with your Administrative Council or other leadership group! There is a downloadable discussion guide available for each segment.

Local Church News

Unadilla Center UMC has arranged a **bus trip to Ronks**, Pennsylvania to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Joseph" on **Saturday, August 1, 2015**. The bus will leave Sidney (behind McDonalds) at 6:00 A.M. (The bus will leave Oneonta at 5:15 A.M.) We will have a fast food stop on the way. We will see the show at 11:00. Following the show we will have an Amish meal at Hershey Farms at 2:15. We should be home around 10:00 P.M. The cost is \$145.00 for adults (age 13 and over) and \$80 for children (12 and under). The price includes the bus, show and meal. **Please call Claudia Jenkins for more information. 563-7713.**

Pianist needed for 10:00 AM Sunday worship services at Preston UMC. Familiarity with *UM Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* essential. Compensation negotiable. Call 607-656-4533 or 607-334-5881.

NEW-12 old Pews available ranging from size 6 feet to 10 feet long - Please contact Sylvia Barrett at (607) 434-7188 if you are interested.

Summer Vacation Bible school Scheduled

If you would like us to spread the word about you planned VBS this Summer please send info to OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org

Mount Vision & Hartwick United Methodist Churches are again joining the Laurens Presbyterian Church & St Matthew's Lutheran Church to offer Ecumenical Community Vacation Bible School. The Laurens Presbyterian Church is hosting the 2015 week of fun and adventure themed: "Camping in God's Beautiful World." Join us at 3 Main St, Laurens, **August 10-14th, 6:30-8pm**. For more information, call Mount Vision United Methodist Church: 607-432-0397

Praise in the Park 2015 is almost upon us!

This year's event is scheduled for **Sunday July 26 at General Clinton Park on Rt 7 in Bainbridge**. -Worship begins **at 10:00** am with music and family friendly activities to follow throughout the day. We are very excited to have Jared Campbell join us as our headliner this year. Admission is FREE! Food will be available for sale, and all the money raised through these food sales or any other activities will go directly to the Praise in the Park ministry.

We would like to invite any congregation or church group to join us. If you would like to have a ministry table, or if you would like to participate in some way, please let us know. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for all or part of the day, whether it is in an organized way, or just to join in the fellowship and praise! Our purpose is to invite all people into a relationship with God and with one another through music, fellowship and fun! Bring a chair, sit under the tents or out in the sun, and join us as we Praise in the Park!

Below is a schedule of events:

Bands joining us this year are:

Three Crosses Bare – 11:00 Crossfire – 1:00 Ten Days – 3:00 Jared Campbell – 5:00

Corn hole Tournament to begin at 1:00 (12:00 registration) - \$10 per team, winners to receive prizes – all money raised goes to future Praise in the Park ministries

Water balloon toss, Water balloon sling shot 2:30

Children's bible story 4:00

Other crafts and activities throughout the day

Pulled pork dinner will also be available for sale starting at 11:00 am.

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, <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 info
><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](tel:406-587-1002) or email Eric Noyes:
at 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

For the Full list of 2015-16 Appointments go to :<http://www.unyumc.org/news/appointments>

Conference Job Posting - *Anyone inquiring about any open positions can go
to <http://www.unyumc.org/about/jobs> as we now have an online application system for applying for open
positions.*

Resource Center Links :

Resource Center on the website: <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/media-resource-center>

And the current Newsletter: <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/monthly-newsletter>

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