

July 1st, 2015

Oneonta District Office UMC Newsletter



Together, let us pray for :

*The people of Gallupville & Esperance –Sloansville UMCs and Pastoral Leader Matt Rowe
The Family of Chris and Scott Prindle, daughter and son in-law of Becky Parry (Pastor at Morris/Edmeston)-they
lost their home to fire last week.*

*The Family of Dale Schneeberger – Dale's Mother passed away – cards of condolence can be sent to:
1803 Ninth St., Rensselaer NY 12144*

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*

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)

Pastor Jeff Smith – Central Bridge (in addition to Richmondville)

PLEASE NOTE:

***The District Office will have limited hours on Monday July 6th – Please call in advance
For the Summer our District Newsletter will be distributed every other week (instead of Weekly)***

District & Conference Events Coming Soon

Date	Time	Item	Location
Thurs. July 2	10 AM	District Board of locations and Buildings	Downstairs District Office
Monday, July 6	5:30 -7:30 pm	District Leadership Team	Elm Park Fellowship hall

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.

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](http://www.casowasco.org) 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.

Join the Africa 360 Challenge

For Details go to <http://www.unyumc.org/mission/africa-360>

- You can make your gift anytime by mailing a check to Upper New York Conference, 324 University Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 Attn: Africa 360. Checks should be made payable to Upper New York Annual Conference with Africa 360 in the memo line. Go on line to : <http://www.unyumc.org/mission/africa-360-toolkit> for "Africa 360 Toolkit" -that includes everything from VBS, to YouTube videos and youth ideas for Africa 360.

In peace, Laurel

Laurel O'Connor- Field Coordinator, Africa 360

Upper New York Conference - 315-424-7878 ext. 327

Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations

Find more information about Africa 360: <http://www.unyumc.org/mission/africa-360>

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

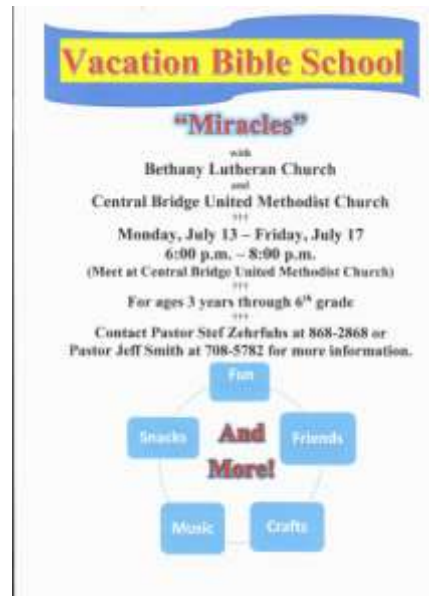
Local Church News

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.**

NEW- 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.

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

Summer Vacation Bible school Scheduled



NEW-

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 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 infor-
mation: ><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 Ele-
mentary School Commemorates the 200+ years of the treaty parade, food, vendors, educational presenta-
tions, 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>

Contact info for the Upper NY Conference is as follows:

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(315) 424-7878 * Toll-Free (855) 424-7878 * Fax (315) 478-4869 * Email: www.unyumc.org

The District Newsletter can be found at the Oneonta District website:
<https://sites.google.com/site/oneontadistrictumc/> and at Conference Webpage at :
<http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta>

**See us on Face book: [Oneonta District United Methodists](#)
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