

Oneonta District Office UMC Newsletter



Together, let us pray for :

The people of First Oneonta & Otego and Pastoral Leaders Teresa Siverson and Emily Huyge

Rev. Teresa Siverson on medical leave recovering from surgery

Sheree Acre laity from New Berlin UMC- Now in Hospice

Matt Rowe & Maria Cornwell as they plan to marry on June 12, 2015

all those who suffer and those in trouble

those who struggle with addiction

all who suffer violence

for the concerns of our local communities

teachers, students, families, and school personnel of our local school districts

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 conversations around racism

the people of Texas – recovering from Flooding

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

for the congregations of the Schoharie Region, working thru the Soil Testing Process

New faith communities in Upper New York Conference

All of our Local Pastors who serve with many and varied gifts of leadership

District & Conference Events Coming Soon

Date	Time	Item	Location
June 13	2-4 PM	Olu Harding’s Retirement Gathering - Please stop By and wish Olu & Essie Farewell	ELM PARK UMC- 401 Chestnut St. Oneonta NY Robertson Hall
June15	5-7:30 pm	District Leadership Team	Elm Park UMC
June 23	5-pm	District Committee on Superintendency	District Office

2015 Annual Conference Session

To read all of the latest news about the 2015 Annual Conference Session, go

to: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/stories/tagged/annual-conference-2015>

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

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!**

Summer is just around the corner AND it all starts here! 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 Pur-

pose. 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

[An overwhelming vote to contribute \\$1 million to the Imagine No Malaria](#) campaign of The United Methodist Church was celebrated. In 2011, members of the Upper New York Annual Conference pledged to raise \$1 million for Africa University to fund eight scholarships. The passion and commitment to be a part of what God is doing among, within and through the people of Africa is evident in these actions. Both of these priorities have been placed in a campaign that we are calling Africa 360. For Details go to <http://www.unyumc.org/news/detail/1980> - 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.

A note from Laurel O'Connor -Field Coordinator, Africa 360:

I wanted to give you a final leaderboard for the District Text-to-Donate Challenge (which closed yesterday)

1. Niagara Frontier
2. Crossroads
3. Tied for third: Genesee Valley and Binghamton

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!

It is such a blessing to work with all of you; I am currently working to send out a district-by-district breakdown of which churches participated in the A360 Challenge at Annual Conference, for your knowledge.

In peace, Laurel

Laurel O'Connor- Field Coordinator, Africa 360
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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

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.**

What do UMCOR Early Response Teams Do? - Training originally scheduled for June 20 has changed to June 27th. For more information and to register click on: <http://bit.ly/1cIiqQP>

Provide a Christian presence. This does not sound like a task... and is NOT, however, it can be the MOST important thing a team can do.

- 1) Take steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property (stabilize):

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

Host/Hostess and Chef **Positions for 2016 Two positions open at the Methodist Missionary Home at Chautauqua Institution**, Chautauqua, NY, for the 2016 season: 1. Host and Hostess Couple to open and close the House, process reservations, supervise a staff of four, and all operations of the house, including kitchen, laundry, maintenance, and care of the lawn. Host and Hostess should be on site from May 15 to September 15, 2016. Salary, plus room and board, gate pass, parking. 2. The position of Chef is also open at the Methodist Missionary Home at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua New York. Chef should be on site from May 15 to September 15, 2016. interviews will be held on site. Please send resumes to: Leona M Peterson, PO Box 176, 4279 Miller Rd., Gerry, NY 14740-0176 **by July 15, 2015**. Phone 716-985-4652. E mail: lpeterson@netsync.net. The home is owned by the United Methodist Women's Division of the United Methodist Church and managed by the Chautauqua Homes Board.

United Methodism 101 - June 17 – July 29, 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 June 16. Seating is limited. Sign up today!

[Learn More](#) [Register Now](#)

Take this self-paced course for credit!

United Methodism 101 is a six-week, self-paced course that includes access to a facilitator to answer questions and respond to your work. Upon successful completion, you will receive .5 [ALLLM](#) CEU.

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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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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