

June 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

**Oneonta District Office of the United Methodist Church  
of the Upper New York Annual Conference**

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

*Please share this issue of the Oneonta District Newsletter with church members and staff, teams and organizations. If you wish to include news about your missions or disciple formation ministries, please send it on Mondays to be published – that week – email*

*to: [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org)*



***Together, let us pray for***

*Jan Rowell – Oneonta District Superintendent – for a blessed Retirement*

*All Pastors and congregations preparing for appointment transitions*

***[UNY Lay Servant Ministries](#)***

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**Please join us in**

**Welcoming:**

- Cheryl Hine – Appointed as part time Local Pastor to Bainbridge UMC – **Effective Aug., 1 2016**
- Penny Harrington – Supply to Unadilla Center and SandHill UMCs –effective July 1, 2016
- Ed Honrath – Appointed as Supply to Mount Upton UMC Effective July 1 2016
- Anna Blinn Cole – Appointed as Full Time Local Pastor to Warnerville/Cobleskill/All Schoharie Regional Churches – Effective July 1, 2016.
- Thomas LeBeau - Appointed as a full elder to Cooperstown UMC -effective July 1, 2016.
- Everett Bassett – Appointed Oneonta District Superintendent – Effective July 1, 2016.

**Saying Farewell to:**

- Gary Kubitz - Appointed as a provisional elder to Voorheesville: First UMC (Albany District) effective July 1, 2016.
- Justin Hood – Appointment as Full Time Local Pastor to Brewerton/Phoenix (Crossroads District) effective July 1, 2016.

**Retiring effective July 1, 2016:**

- \*Jan McClary Rowell                      \*William Delia                      \*Nancy Dulkis                      Dale Schneeberger  
\* Carl Phillip Young – From honorable location to retiring

**[Click here for Clergy Appointment list as of June 4 2016](#)**

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**Note\***

**July 1st - Sept 1st the District Office will vary so please call in advance before stopping by.**

**July 1st - Sept 1st our District Newsletter will be published every two week (instead of weekly)**

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**Events**

**July 13 - *Oneonta District Lay Servant committee meeting*** -at Elm Park UMC at 10 am

**August 16 – Mentor Training –(Oneonta & Mohawk District)** 10am to 2pm at the Herkimer UMC, 127 N Prospect St. Herkimer, NY 13350 . Lunch is provided. [Details](#)

**September 16-17 -UMM Retreat** - The Oneonta and Binghamton District United Methodist Men will host UNY annual Christian Men Retreat at the Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center - [Details](#)

**Oct. 25-27, 2016 - *The Bishops Retreat*** - at the Conference and Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY

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**2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs registration opens**



Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2016 Summer Camp & Retreat programs. "We are excited about the high quality and excellent variety of programs being offered this summer," said Mike Huber, UNY Conference Director of Camp & Retreat Ministries. "The CRM team, in collaboration with hundreds of volunteers, has created programs specifically designed for spiritual growth, birth, and renewal." Click below for details

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/2016-summer-camp-retreat-programs-registration-opens>

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### ❖ Local Church News

#### **Bible Study - How Healthy is your church?**

**July 6 – August 10, Wednesdays at 6:30 – 8:00 at Unadilla Center United Methodist Church**

A six week study of the health of our churches using the book, "Autopsy of a Deceased Church - 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" by Thom Rainer. Our time together will include group discussions based on the book, as well as time for each congregation to examine the health of their own church. Our goal by the end of the session is for each congregation to have some specific doable goals to improve the health of each of our churches, with plans on how to reach those goals that are relevant to each individual church. The book is \$5.00 from **Christianbook.com**. There will be some books available at the Bible Study. For more information **contact Claudia Jenkins at [cjgs@frontiernet.net](mailto:cjgs@frontiernet.net) or call 607-563-7713**

#### **Be a Super Hero for God Vacation Bible School will be held at Unadilla Center UMC August 22-26 from 9:00-**

**11:30.** Children ages 3 through Middle School are welcome to attend all week or any day. Each day will include fun activities, crafts, music and a snack. The week will culminate with a picnic on Friday at noon and a program on Sunday during the 9:00 A.M. worship service. **Contact Claudia Jenkins at [cjgs@frontiernet.net](mailto:cjgs@frontiernet.net) or 607-563-7713**

**Women's Retreat is coming - Mark your calendars!** The churches of Unadilla Center, Sand Hill and Mt. Upton are planning their second women's retreat for **Saturday, September 17 at the Sand Hill United Methodist Church Community Hall**. This year's theme is Lavendar Springs. It will be an all day event. More details to follow.

**Position Opening :** The **Sidney United Methodist Church** is seeking applications for a youth ministry coordinator to lead and grow an established Thursday evening youth and family ministry program. Duties will include reaching out to and connecting with youth in the Sidney community and recruiting adult help from within the Sidney UMC congregation. The youth ministry coordinator will be expected to attend Sunday service regularly. The work schedule will range from 8 to 10 hours per week, and pay will be between \$12 and \$15 per hour, based on experience. Position begins July 1, 2016. Please call the Sidney United Methodist Church at 607-563-1921 if you are interested.

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### Support materials available for local church AC reports

As lay and clergy voting members of the Upper New York Annual Conference prepare reports for their local churches, the Communications ministry area has provided a variety of support materials.

The full video wrap-up of Annual Conference is now available [here](#). This video can be used in support of an oral report or even serve as the report itself.

Daily notes from all three days of Annual Conference are available [here](#). These notes contain the highlights from each day and can serve as the bases for an oral report or written article.

There are many other resources available or that will be available soon. To learn more read the full article [here](#)



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**ERT Training Aug. 6, 2016**

A basic Emergency Response Training class takes place at the Averill Park UMC, east of Albany, with Pastor Joe Auslander on August 6, 2016. The deadline is July 27th to register but space is limited so early registration is recommended to ensure your spot.

This class is designed to train volunteers to respond to natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornados, etc., knowing how to work with survivors, knowing who can be on a team, what the team does, how to accomplish the work, when to respond (and when not to respond), in short answering all the who, what, when, where, why and how questions. This is an 8 hr. class with lunch, beverages, and snacks provided, and includes an ERT manual, a United Methodist Committee On Relief photo ID badge, and all training for just \$25.00. [Click this link for brochure.](#)

❖ **For the community**



**Greater Chenango Cares - July 15 – July 24th - 8:00 am- 5:00 pm -at Norwich City High School, Midland Dr. Norwich, NY**

Services Are Provided at **No-Cost**

**Dental:** This service must be pre-scheduled Cleanings, Fillings, Fluoride Treatments, and Simple Extractions

**Medical:** Sports and School Physicals, Prescription Consults, Risk Assessment for: risk factors for Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Nutrition Counseling, Pain Management, etc.

**Optometry:** This service must be pre-scheduled testing for Cataracts, Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration. Visual examinations for single-focal distance or reading prescription glasses. Your choice of one pair of prescription glasses (distance or reading) manufactured on-site for pick-up and fitting. **No charge! Last day to pick-up glasses morning of July 24th.**

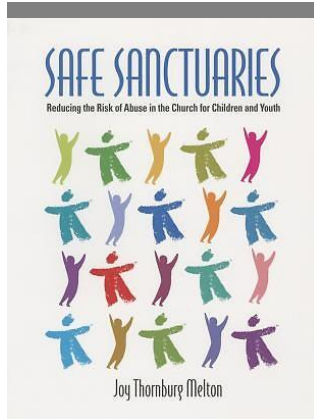
**Veterinary** This service must be pre-scheduled: Spay and Neuter- No schedule appointments available at this time **NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED** -Rabies Vaccinations for companion animals (dogs/cats)

**Dental and Optometry Services: 607-337-4320**

**Want to Volunteer? Contact: Chenango United Way at: 607-334-8815 or June 1<sup>st</sup> check their website @ [www.volunteer.chenangouw.org/aem](http://www.volunteer.chenangouw.org/aem)**

**No residency, income or insurance requirements. Walk-ins welcome for Medical.**

Check us out on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/GreaterChenangoCares](http://www.facebook.com/GreaterChenangoCares) or  
Contact us by email at: [greaterchenangocares@gmail.com](mailto:greaterchenangocares@gmail.com)



**Safe Sanctuaries Training - New Session!**

**WHAT: Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training**

WHO: All church leaders and all individuals who have responsibility for the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in the churches' ministries especially pastors, those responsible for Christian education and youth group leaders. This is a prerequisite for Training of Trainers

WHEN: Saturday, Aug.13, 2016 9 a.m. - noon

WHERE: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 551 Sayles St., Oneida, 13421

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**WHAT: Safe Sanctuaries® Training of Trainers**

WHO: Individuals interested in facilitating Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training as part of their District training team and/or for their local church. Members of the District training team must be recommended by the DS. Completion of these two courses will certify individuals to present UNY's Safe Sanctuaries training in the Conference, District and local church. Upper NY's Safe Sanctuaries Training is a prerequisite for Training of Trainers. This 3-hour course can be completed in the morning or at a previous time (since Fall 2012).

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016 1:00-4:00 pm

WHERE: St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 551 Sayles St., Oneida, 13421

PRE-REGISTER: Please pre-register by Aug. 5.

Pre-registration information need to include:

- Session(s) attending - morning and/or afternoon

- Name, contact email address and telephone number, local church

Pre-register by contacting Cindy Muder, Mohawk District, 315-797-1777, mohawkdistrict@unyumc.org.

QUESTIONS: Questions should be directed to Carol at carolb@htva.net or 607-687-4793.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY : UNY SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING TEAM

And funded by Ministry Shares from local churches.

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### [Legacy Ministry website has launched](#)

The *Legacy* Ministry website is now available. The website will introduce people to *Legacy* Ministry and what it's about so they can see if it is something they want to explore. *Legacy* Ministry seeks to help congregations that are "having trouble staying in operation and who express that they're having...

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/legacy-ministry-website-has-launched>

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## [Click here for Information about 2016 Annual Conference](#)

**Download the AC wrap-up issue of the *Bridge*** - The Annual Conference wrap-up issue of the *Bridge* is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. [Click here](#) to select the version you prefer and make copies as needed. This issue of the *Bridge* features a comprehensive wrap-up of the 2016 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference.

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**Registration is now open for The 2016 Bishop's Retreat -Oct. 25-27, 2016 at the Conference and Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY. [Click here for information and to register .](#)**

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**Limited copies available to purchase -A Disciples Path- Daily Workbook** (Deepening your relationship with Christ and the Church) By: James Harnish with Justin LaRosa. Cost \$ 8.00 ea. - If you would like to purchase this workbook please contact Teresa at the District Office - Email : [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org) or by phone : (607) 441-5102

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### ***What Does It Mean to Be a Healthy Family?***



Join Discipleship Ministries, GCSRW, and Wespath for an interactive webinar series that will help participants discern the church's role in supporting family health. Sessions start Aug. 2nd but also will be archived to view later.

The Webinars are as follows:

- What Does It Mean to Be a Family?
  - Five Dimensions of Health
    - Nurturing Active Families
      - Strengthening Families
        - Experiencing God Together
          - Tackling Challenges of Clergy Families
            - Setting Healthy Financial Goals

[Click here](#) to get registered or learn more!

### Save the date:

### UMM Retreat in September

The Oneonta and Binghamton District United Methodist Men will host Upper New York's annual Christian Men Retreat September 16-17 at the Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor. This year's theme is "Giving God your all." Former Harvard University and Seattle Seahawk linebacker Isaiah Kacyvenski - who was the Seattle Seahawks' Special Teams Captain three years in a row, helped lead the team to Super Bowl XL, and grew up in Endicott - will serve as the keynote speaker. The retreat will also feature the Mark Bolos Praise Band.



**For more information and to register, contact UNY UMM President Mark Jones at (315) 749-3700 or [msjwelshman@yahoo.com](mailto:msjwelshman@yahoo.com).**

***The Binghamton District's United Methodist  
Men's Night at the Ball Game  
Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> -NYSEG Stadium in Binghamton.  
Tickets are \$8.00 (and are available now)***

Binghamton District Superintendent the Rev. Dr. David Kofahl will throw out the first ball. Last year's event was the best in its eight-year run - it raised \$1,800.00 for the Society of St. Andrew, \$300.00 for the Upper Room Prayer Line, and \$300 to enable another UMM Conference project.

This year, the largest portion of proceeds will go to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) and the Broome County Council of Churches, and lesser amounts will be sent to the Upper Room Prayer Line and the Society of St. Andrew to feed the hungry.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Ken Summers at (607)785-0406 or [kensummers28@gmail.com](mailto:kensummers28@gmail.com)

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & Reminders from the UNY Finance Department**

\*\*\***July 2016 invoices** will be uploaded and sent out sometime between July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> due to appointment changes causing adjustments in the billing process.

\*\*\***Donations made at the 2016 Annual Conference** will not be reflected on your monthly invoice for the church. However, you should make sure the donations that were given are reported on your statistical information.

### **Reminder on the 2015 Church Audits**

If the church has not already done so, please have your church audit completed as soon as possible. The deadline was March 15, 2016. Once completed, please mail a copy to your district office. There are about half of the churches in the conference who have completed the audit. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the audit process, you can contact the Administrative Assistant at your district office.

### SUPPORT AFRICA 360



#### **How to get involved ?**

There are materials – brochures, bookmarks, envelopes can be ordered online, printable display, liturgy, and more at [www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360](http://www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360) (churches can find tools at the Africa 360 toolkit, linked to that page as well) For youth, a local church in the Crossroads tract has created a project, complete with video and craft project (downloadable from

[www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit](http://www.unyumc.org/mission/Africa-360-Toolkit)), and includes cross-generational experiences for congregations that are interested: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/prayer-partners-another-life-saving-tool-in-the-africa-360-toolkit>

**Laurel O'Connor**

**Field Coordinator, Africa 360**

**Upper New York Conference**

**315-424-7878 ext. 327**

**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*

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### **Lay Servants Can Fill in for Pulpit Supply**

Is your church in need of a trained person to fill the pulpit while your pastor is away? The Oneonta District Lay Servant Team has a list of Certified Lay Servants who are well-equipped to do just that. Find a list of these folks by [clicking here](#).

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### **Register now for Tending the Fire**

Registration is now open for the 2016-2017 sessions of Tending the Fire.

Three retreats. One goal: A more effective you!

Our shifting society and postmodern culture demand new approaches from churches and pastors. Church leaders worry about meeting the needs of the future while staying true to their essential traditions and beliefs. How do you keep your balance in the midst of it all? Tending the Fire offers opportunities for learning and renewal across a series of three retreats.

The Upper New York Conference will offer two opportunities to participate: one in Eastern New York and another Western New York. The Eastern New York retreats take place at the Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, and the Western New York retreats take place at the Asbury Camp & Retreat Center in Silver Lake. See the registration [link](#).

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### **Global United Methodist Clergywomen Gathering**

Dates: Aug. 29-31, 2016. Location: Houston, TX.

Theme: One: Birthing a Worldwide Church

For more information about the Conference, [click here](#).

We're excited to announce our **new website and mobile guide** for you to use through Guidebook! See the website at <http://guidebook.com/guide/41946> or get the mobile guide <https://guidebook.com/g/global-clergywomen/> to access the most up-to-date information about our event, including schedules, maps, and much more.

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### **Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua – March 2017**

A VIM opportunity in Nicaragua is being planned for late March – early April 2017. The team will work with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action/ AMC). Our UM missionary, Belinda Forbes, DDS, is our primary contact person. She and her agency, AMC, work with the “poorest of the poor” in this beautiful country, which is the second poorest in our hemisphere. The tasks of the team have not yet been determined, but they will include projects that will improve the lives of some of the people in Nicaragua. Possible projects might be construction of a pharmacy or community center, health education, assisting with dental care, or painting a clinic building. Hands-on, direct medical care will not be one of the projects. Team members will also have the opportunity to form relationships with the warm, friendly people with whom they work.

The team/s will be jointly sponsored by the Jonesville UMC and First UMC, Schenectady. Details have not yet been determined. There might be options to go for either 10 days or 2 weeks. Cost will be approximately \$2000--\$2500. This amount includes airfare, food, transportation in the country, lodging, translator fees – everything except souvenirs. Scholarship aid is often available.

If you are at all interested in being part of this opportunity and would like to receive information as details are worked out, contact Amy Pelc at [me911j@hotmail.com](mailto:me911j@hotmail.com) or 518-698-5024 or Cindy Schulte at [tacks5@hotmail.com](mailto:tacks5@hotmail.com) or 518-374-3012 or Jan or Peter Huston at [hustonjp24@gmail.com](mailto:hustonjp24@gmail.com) or 518-399-0919. Replying to this is not a commitment – just an indication of interest in learning more. Please also share any concerns or questions you have when you reply.

We hope you will be able to participate in the wonderful opportunity to be part of a Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua!

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**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.

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**Conference Job Posting** - Anyone inquiring about any open positions can go to <http://www.unyumc.org/about/jobs> and use the online application system for applying for open positions. [Click here for Details](#)

The Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to building a diverse team. We strongly encourage women and men from all races and backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply.

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Webpage at: <http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta> See us on Face book: [Oneonta District United Methodists](#)

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