

June 3, 2015

Oneonta District Office UMC Newsletter



Together, let us pray for :

The people of Esperance –Sloansville & Gallupville UMCs and Pastor Matt Rowe

Rev. Bill Delia, Cooperstown UMC, recovering from a fall

Rev. Teresa Sivers on medical leave recovering from surgery

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

Rev. Emily Huyge, newly ordained elder!

Rev. Gary Kubitz, newly commissioned provisional elder!

Pastor Jan Lacey-Markle, newly licensed local pastor!

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

Congratulations to Born to Garrett and Anna Blinn Cole (Seminary student from Sidney UMC)

It's a girl! Her name is June Ethel, she is 6 lbs 12oz and she arrived June 2, 2015

Anna, June and Garrett are all doing well :)

District & Conference Events Coming Soon

Date	Time	Item	Location
June 10	4 PM	District Board on Locations and Buildings	Downstairs – District Office
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
June 15	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>

LET'S KICK IT UP ONEONTA DISTRICT (Over the Next Week)

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.

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!

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!

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

[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.

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):
 - o Tarping Debris removal Cleaning out of flooded homes
2. Teams may be asked to manage donated materials, gather information or other perform other tasks as deemed necessary by the community.
3. Observe survivor's needs and report these to the local operations.
4. Be a part of the caring ministry of "listeners" who will help the survivor begin to heal.

What will you learn in an ERT class?

- The Who, What, When, and Why of Early Response Teams
- Working with survivors
- Seven important things to know about disaster spiritual and emotional care
- Organizational structure for the relief stage
- Team safety
- ERT protocols
- Safe sanctuaries
- Equipping an ERT **More Information and Registration by Clicking on the Link** <http://bit.ly/1cIiqQP>

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>

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