

March 22, 2016

## **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.”***

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)



***Trust in God  
Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you;  
All things pass:  
God never changes.  
Patience achieves all it strives for.  
He who has God finds he lacks nothing,  
God alone suffices.***

*Teresa of Avila, 1515-82 (her bookmark)*

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

*Rev. Richard J. Weihing (district superintendent for the Albany District) and his family.*

*Rich's mother, Emily W. Weihing, died on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in Louisiana.*

*Pastor Carol Coltrain, Pastor Kathy Brumbaugh- recovering from surgery*

*Cooperstown community on the death of School Superintendent CJ Hebert,*

*and the Richmondville community where he lived*

*The people of Brussels following bombing attack*

*All who face death and suffering and have lost hope*

The UNY [\*\*Social Holiness \(Church & Society\)group\*\*](#)

## **District Events Coming Up**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tues. March 29	5:30-8 pm	District Board on Locations & Buildings Meeting -DBLB	First Oneonta UMC - LIBRARY 1st floor
Wed March 30	7-8:30 PM	District Committee on Superintendency Meeting- DCOS	TBA
Thurs. March 31	4pm till done	District Committee on Ministry LP Interviews - DCOM	Cobleskill UMC
Sat April 2, 2016	1-4 PM	<b>Safe Sanctuary Training</b>	Unadilla UMC – (607)563-7713 or email <a href="mailto:cjgs@frontiernet.net">cjgs@frontiernet.net</a> to sign up
Sat April 2 & 9th	8am-2pm	<b>Spring Lay Servant School</b> – <a href="#">click here for Brochure to Register</a>	Elm Park UMC
Thurs., April 14th, 2016	See below	Bishop's Day on the District	Norwich Broad Street UMC See below for details
April 16,2016	4-6PM	Pre-Conference Briefing	<a href="#"><b>Saratoga Springs UMC</b></a>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day	Day of prayer for the 2016 General Conference,	<a href="http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/uny-to-observe-day-of-prayer-for-gc-16">http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/uny-to-observe-day-of-prayer-for-gc-16</a>

April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	9-11 am	Pre-Conference Briefing	Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center in Moravia
April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	3-5 pm	Pre-Conference Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at the Sky Lake Camp &amp; Retreat Center in Windsor</li> </ul>
May 9 & 10 & May 15	5:45-8:30 pm 2-5 pm	Basic Lay Servant Training – see details below to register	Unadilla UMC
Sat May 14 <sup>th</sup>	3-6 pm Tentative	Celebration of our Service together –	Changing the World Service Project- Dish to Pass - Further Details TBA
June 2-4 2016		2016 UNY Annual Conference	At the OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. Click on link below for more information. <a href="http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference">http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference</a>

**REMINDER TO CHURCH LEADERS Deadline for forms due**

**WAS March 15, 2016** (*Mail completed copy to District Office*)

**20. Local Church Annual Financial Audit** . . . . .

**If you have not completed this report please do so as soon as possible \*For help logging into Church/Clergy profile system at [uny.umconline.org](http://uny.umconline.org) or [ezra.gcfa.org](http://ezra.gcfa.org) please contact Teresa at the district office. Call (607)441-5102 or email: [OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org](mailto:OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org)**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**A Celebration of our Ministry Together**

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 3-6 pm**

**Location- Neahwa Park Pavilion**

*Back up location in case of inclement weather – Elm Park UMC*

Changing the World Service Project-

Dish to Pass

**Further Details TBA**

**Safe Sanctuaries Training**

**Saturday, April 2 from 1:00-4:00 at the Unadilla United Methodist Church. People may sign up by calling Claudia Jenkins at 563-7713 or e-mail her at [cjgs@frontiernet.net](mailto:cjgs@frontiernet.net) .**

**Oneonta District Lay Servant School -Spring 2016**

**Saturday April 2nd & 9th at Elm Park UMC**

**401 Chestnut St. Oneonta**

**Registration will begin at 8:00 and classes will run from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Please bring a bag lunch days.**



**For Registration Form, information on how to register and Course information , [click here for Brochure.](#)**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRI., MARCH 25 -DON'T FORGET to order your books well before class begins!**

**For more information contact:**

**Maxine Christman**

**Phone:(518) 895-2671**

**Email: [ladymaxinec@gmail.com](mailto:ladymaxinec@gmail.com)**

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**Save the Date**

## Bishop's Day on the District

Laity and clergy gathering with Bishop Mark Webb on **Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>**, [at Broad Street Norwich UMC, 74 North Broad Street, Norwich, NY.](#)

We hope that all of Oneonta district churches will be a part of this gathering, which will include worship and communion. "Increasing Our Capacity" is the theme for evening. Bishop Webb's sermon title is "Radical Church" (Acts 2.1-13; 37-47). Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to worship together and celebrate communion with the episcopal leader of our Upper New York Conference. Make plans now to attend! District clergy will have lunch and a time with Bishop Webb earlier in the day, also at Broad Street Norwich UMC.

**To help those preparing lunch, clergy please register** : Please call or email Trish at The Broad Street Norwich UMC office **Phone (607) 334-2895** Email [bsumc8@frontiernet.net](mailto:bsumc8@frontiernet.net)

**Registration is not necessary for evening session.**

### Agenda for the day

10-3 Clergy w/Bishop

5 - 6:00 pm Bishop with DS & District Leadership Team

6:30-8 Laity & Clergy Session w/Bishop

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## Basic Lay Servant Training

**When: May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm-8:30pm AND May 15<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm**

*(final meeting time may be adjusted by consensus, if needed, to suit participant's needs)*

**Where: Unadilla UMC**

### Required Materials:

"Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson  
(Basic Course Participant's Book)

Available at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) or <tel:800-672-1789> Also available at Amazon.com

### **PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THEIR OWN BOOK**

*Format:* Pre-assigned reading of the entire text, lecture, class discussion, independent "field project" due at final class meeting. Total classroom/field project learning time is 10 hours.

**Participants must attend all three sessions to complete the course for certification.**

**Registration:** E-mail or call Pastor Brandilynne Craver at : [brandilynne.craver@gmail.com](mailto:brandilynne.craver@gmail.com)  
607-761-3688

**Deadline for registrations: 5/2/16**

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## Check out "Attractional Church Model

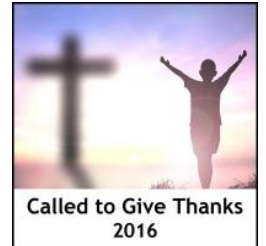
The Gathering" by Upper New York Conference on Vimeo. **(Featuring First Oneonta UMC)** The video is available for your viewing pleasure at <https://vimeo.com/151041305>

Also Supper Church Video at : <http://www.unyumc.org/news/video/serving-up-supper-scripture-in-salem>. If you like this video, make sure you share it, too! Vimeo is filled with lots of amazing videos. See more at <https://vimeo.com>.

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### Registration opens for the 2016 Annual Conference session

Registration is now open for the Upper New York Annual Conference session, held June 2-4 at the OnCenter in Syracuse. [Click here](#) to visit the registration page, which includes a link to the online form, the Registration and Event Guidelines, and the Housing Form.



Questions about registration can be addressed to Julie Valeski at [julievaleski@unyumc.org](mailto:julievaleski@unyumc.org). [Click here](#) for more news and information about the 2016 Annual Conference session.

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**NEW - Fly Creek United Methodist Church**  
852 County Highway 26 • Fly Creek, NY *presents*

### ***What Will You Want?***

An Open Forum on Advanced Health Care Decisions

**Monday, April 11 at 7:00pm**

*\*\*The PBS documentary "Being Mortal" will be shown at 6pm prior to the talk.*

Perhaps you've read Atul Gawande's book *Being Mortal*.  
Perhaps you or someone you love is facing difficult decisions right now.

Bring your thoughts and questions for our panel:

*Rev. Betsy Jay, Chaplain, Bassett Healthcare Network*

*Dr. James T. Dalton, MD Bassett Healthcare Network*

*Peter Deysenroth, Connell Dow and Deysenroth Funeral Home*

*Kelly McGraw, Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care*

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### **To Pastors and Lay Leaders of the Oneonta District UMC- UNYAC**

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

I am a retired UMC pastor from Washington State. My wife, Colleen and I would like to spend some time in your area near the end of July this coming summer. We especially want to attend the Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on July 24<sup>th</sup>. In exchange for a place to stay I am offering to provide pulpit supply July 17<sup>th</sup> and/or 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition we would offer a place to stay in our home on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound north of Seattle to anyone interested.

Please contact David G. Lura directly at : [lura.david.colleen@gmail.com](mailto:lura.david.colleen@gmail.com) , if you are interested in this opportunity.

**Respectfully,**  
**David G. Lura**

Pastor, United Methodist Church, retired -Chaplain, United States Navy Reserve, retired -Chaplain, Oak Harbor First Reformed Church, part-time Chaplain, Oak Harbor Area Council of Navy League, volunteer  
<http://www.oakharbornavyleague.org/>

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## **New- Two important UM related events for the Capital Region**

The first, **Weird Church**, is with Paul Nixon and Beth Estock. Paul will be leading the Planters' event at Casowasco for the [Annual NFC Gathering](#) with Dave Masland on **April 8 & 9**

The second, **Adaptive Leadership training** April 16, 9am-4pm

There are group discounts available for both, and scholarships through CRTC available for Adaptive Leadership Training. Here are brief descriptions, with links to information and registration information:

### ["Weird Church: Welcome to the 21st Century"](#)

April 7, 7-9pm

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054

Facilitators: Paul Nixon and Beth Estock This is a new book co-authored by Paul Nixon and Beth Estock that explores the future of American religion. It's a hard-hitting look at the changes that are coming and the forms that are passing away. Join the authors for a night of engaging conversation about church emerging from the ashes of Christendom. Small group incubator [webinars](#) with the authors will be available after the event.


### [Adaptive Leadership: Courageous Living in Changing Times](#)

April 16, 9am-4pm

Community Congregational Church of Clinton Heights,  
221 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Facilitator: Rev. Barbara Lemmel -This one-day workshop will help leaders and teams understand the adaptive change that is needed in today's church and how to manage the anxiety that change brings. You'll gain practical tools to offer wise, resilient leadership as your church engages the hard and important work of deep change, without losing what is essential to our tradition and beliefs.

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 **NEW-** United Methodist Men gather for fellowship building a healthy community for all people. We are here to provide support in each churches mission. Visit our website [UNYUMM.org](#) to read the bible, see our mission work, activities, retreats and daily spiritual postings Facebook. We the Upper New York United Methodist Men look forward to meeting you.

James 2:14-17

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

UNYUMMen are here to support you. We may be reached at [ContactUS@UNYUMM.org](mailto:ContactUS@UNYUMM.org)

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**Announcement: Explaining why your 2016 Workers' Compensation bill may have increased** - Due to the 2014 payroll audit that was conducted by Church Mutual last year, your church's 2016 Workers' Compensation Insurance bill may have increased. The results of this audit most likely indicated that your church was *underbilled* for workers' compensation insurance in previous years. If you have questions with regard to this issue, please contact Church Mutual at (800) 554-2642, option #4. It would be helpful to review the information you supplied to it for the audit and for any errors prior to calling so that Church Mutual can make the appropriate adjustments.

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**Equitable Compensation application for July – December 2016** is now available online. To apply go to: <http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/equitable-compensation-application-for-july-december-2016-available>

Please use the application with the April 1, 2016 deadline, not previous versions, as some of the questions have changed.

**Deadline: April 1** - Churches need to have the application with appropriate documents (compensation forms, church budget and Ezra church summary report) to the District Superintendents. Award letters will be mailed out in mid-May.

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**22th Annual PALESTINIAN Dinner: Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 232 E. Onondaga St. (2 ½ blocks from On Center)**

Authentic Palestinian buffet beginning at 5:30 PM sponsored by the UNY Task Force on Peace and Justice in Palestine/Israel Cost of dinner is \$15.00.

Program: Rev. Gary Kubitz will speak about his Interfaith Peace Builder Olive Harvest trip in October/November. Gary's wife Sarah and Task Force member, Gary Doupe's wife, Elaine, were also on the trip.

**For reservations:** Linda Bergh (315-492-8507), 116 Edna Rd., Syracuse, NY 13205 or Karen Peterson (607-739-3141), 116 Greenridge Drive, Horseheads, NY 14845

**Make checks payable to UNYAC ("Palestinian Dinner" on the memo line)**

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**SUPPORT AFRICA 360**



**How to get involved ?**

There are all new 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 district 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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**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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## 5th annual New Faith Community Event focuses on



Registration is now open for the Upper New York Conference's 5th annual New Faith Communities Event that takes place **April 8-9 at the Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center in Moravia.** "What is the Upper New York New Faith Communities Annual Event? It is a chance for every person who is interested in the planting movement in Upper New York to gather, to learn, to network, and to be inspired by the amazing things God is doing throughout the Conference," said the Rev. Dave Masland, UNY Conference Director of New Faith Communities. Click here to

register <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebzfdjto62476836&oseq=&c=&ch=>  
The deadline for the early bird registration - \$100 which includes meals and lodging and \$30 for commuters - is March 16; the registration increases to \$120 and \$45 respectively after that date.

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### UNY to observe day of prayer for GC '16

**On April 23**, members of the Upper New York Conference will observe a day of prayer for the 2016 General Conference, which will meet May 10-20 in Portland, Ore. Plans are underway for this prayer observance, and more specific information will be available in the coming weeks. The General Conference prayer observance began on December 31, leading off 131 days of continual prayer for the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Click below for details

<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/uny-to-observe-day-of-prayer-for-gc-16>



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**Youth: 'Do Something' at CCYM's UP! WORD 16** - Registration is now open for the Upper New York Conference Council on Youth Ministry's UP!WORD '16 to be held **April 22-24** at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. The theme for last year, "Searching God," helped youth better understand their relationship with God; this year's theme takes that understanding and suggests it is time to "Do Something" with it. "Do Something: Disciples' Edition" will provide youth and youth leaders with multiple opportunities to see how they can each do something as Christ's disciples. Click here to register.



<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ec63d58fec226e6d&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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### June 16-18, 2016

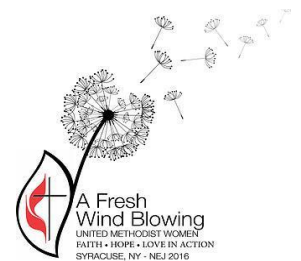
#### Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW

#### Quadrennial Meeting at the On Center, Syracuse, NY

The theme is A Fresh Wind Blowing based on John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.

The program includes daily worship services with dynamic music throughout the time together. The purpose is also to elect women to the board and there will be time for workshops, which include topics of Maternal Health, Poverty, Racial Justice, and Ubuntu opportunities, which is working at area missions. For more information and registration Click Here

Early registration deadline is January 31, 2016 of \$175.00 which includes Friday meals of a boxed lunch and banquet. Regular registration is open until April 30, 2016 - \$200 and late registration is \$250 closes May 15, 2016.



Phyllis Doane, NEJ UMW President, from Canton, NY would like to invite you to come and celebrate the legacy of United Methodist Women. Don't miss this opportunity to meet your sisters and brothers in Christ from Maine to Virginia, to worship and pray together.

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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.

**Current Job Openings at Upper New York 4 Total Job(s)**  
[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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**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 will be available in early March)**

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)

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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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### **Contact info for the Upper NY Conference is as follows:**

Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church  
324 University Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13210

315) 424-7878 \* Toll-Free (855) 424-7878 \* Fax (315) 478-4869 \* Email: [www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org)

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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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*Your Partners in Ministry at the Oneonta District Office,  
Rev. Jan Rowel, District Superintendent and Teresa Wood, Administrative Assistant*



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