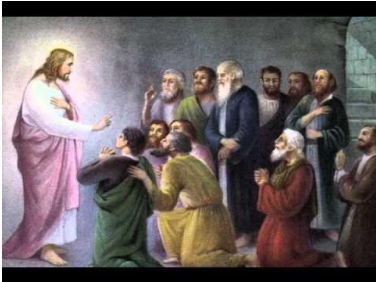


March 30th, 2016

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



*Christ our life, you are alive
in the beauty of the earth
in rhythm of the Seasons
in the mystery of time and space
Alleluia*

*Christ our life, you are alive
in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude
Alleluia*

*Christ our life, you are alive
in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
the dreariest task
the most threatening event
Alleluia*

*Christ our life, you are alive
to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart
Alleluia*

You set before us a great choice.

Therefore we choose life.

The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation.

It sets gifts of bread and wine upon our table.

This is grace, dying we live.

So let us live.

Kathy Galloway (Iona Community)

Together, let us pray for

Pastor Carol Coltrain, Pastor Kathy Brumbaugh- recovering from surgery

The people of Brussels and of Pakistan following bombing attacks

All who face death and suffering and have lost hope

The UNY [**United Methodist Men \(UMM\)**](#) ministry

District Office Closed

The Oneonta District Office will be closed for meetings/staff vacation time Tuesday, April 5th- Tuesday April, 12th . We will be returning emails and phone messages when we return on Wed. April 13th. For messages of urgency please call (607)643-1934 – if no Answer leave a message.

There will be no District Newsletter the week of April 4th – Our Next Newsletter will be April 14th, 2016.

District Events Coming Up

Date	Time	Item	Location
Wed March 30	7-8:30 PM	District Committee on Superintendency Meeting- DCOS	Library at First Oneonta UMC
Thurs. March 31	4pm	District Committee on Ministry LP Interviews - DCOM	Cobleskill UMC
Sat April 2, 2016	1-4 PM	Safe Sanctuary Training	Unadilla UMC – (607)563-7713 or email cjgs@frontiernet.net to sign up
Sat April 2 & 9th	8am-2pm	Spring Lay Servant School – click here for Brochure to Register	Elm Park UMC
Thurs., April 14th, 2016	See below for Schedule	Bishop's Day on the District	Norwich Broad Street UMC See below for details
April 16, 2016	4-6PM	Pre-Conference Briefing	Saratoga Springs UMC
April 23 rd	All Day	Day of prayer for the 2016 General Conference	http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/uny-to-observe-day-of-prayer-for-gc-16
April 30 th , 2016	9-11 am	Pre-Conference Briefing	Casowasco Camp & Retreat Center in Moravia
April 30 th , 2016	3-5 pm	Pre-Conference Briefing	Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor
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 14th	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	OnCenter in Syracuse, NY. Click on link below for more information. http://www.unyumc.org/events/annual-conference

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 14th – 3-6 pm

Location- Neahwa Park Pavilion

A Celebration of our Ministry Together

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.

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

Save the Date

Bishop's Day on the District

Laity and clergy gathering with Bishop Mark Webb on **Thursday April 14th**, [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

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

Basic Lay Servant Training

When: May 9th and 10th 5:45pm-8:30pm AND May 15th 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 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
607-761-3688**

Deadline for registrations: 5/2/16

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

NEW - Imagine NO Malaria



Pancake Breakfast

April 16, 2016

7:00 am.- 11:00 am.

At Norwich VFW

Free will offering

With your help we CAN make a difference.

Sponsored by: **Norwich Region United Methodist Churches**



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.

[Click here](#) for more news and information about the 2016 Annual Conference session.



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 24th. In exchange for a place to stay I am offering to provide pulpit supply July 17th and/or 24th. 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 , if you are interested in this opportunity. **Respectfully, David G. Lura**

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 (churches can find tools at the Africa 360 toolkit, linked to that page as well) For youth, a local church in the Cross-roads district has created a project, complete with video and craft project (downloadable from 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
315-424-7878 ext. 327

Field Coordinator, Africa 360
Africa 360: Health and Education for Generations

Upper New York Conference

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

22th Annual PALESTINIAN Dinner: Friday, June 3rd 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)

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 or by phone : (607) 441-

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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.

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>



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.



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June 16-18, 2016

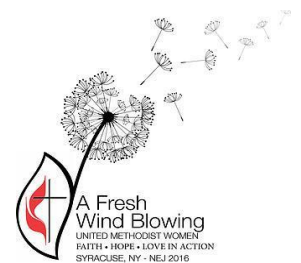
Northeastern Jurisdiction UMW

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.

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.

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.

***The Binghamton District's United Methodist
Men's Night at the Ball Game
Thursday, June 23rd -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

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>

Contact info for the Upper NY Conference is as follows:

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<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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