

November 18th, 2015

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, that involves Missions send it a minimum of 7 days in advance to: OneontaDistrict@unyumc.org

Together, let us pray for

The people of Warnerville UMC.

All those who suffer and those in trouble

The people of Beirut, Paris, and all who suffer violence

refugees and migrants fleeing Syria and Iraq

all seeking a safe home

those who struggle with addiction

for the concerns of our local communities

neighbors served by our community Thanksgiving meals and food baskets

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders

for wisdom and justice in our national and community conversations around racism

for places of conflict, near and far- for grace to see each person as a child of God

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

United Methodist Committee on Relief work with refugees in Europe and around the world

Our participation in Africa 360- No More Malaria and Africa University

We here at the Oneonta District Office want to wish you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.



*Oh Give Thanks unto the Lord:
for God is good:
for God's mercy endures forever.*

The district office hours will be flexible for November 23rd- 27th 2015. Please call before dropping in.

We will return calls and emails the week of November 30th

If you have a time sensitive need please call (607)643-1934

There will be no Newsletter Next week

District Events Coming Up

Date	Time	Item	Location
Wed., Nov. 18th	6pm Food & fellowship 7:00 pm worship & business	Cooperstown Regional Church Conference	Cooperstown UMC
Thurs., Nov. 19th	6pm fellowship 6:30 worship & business	Schoharie Regional Church Conference	Esperance- Sloansville UMC
Tues., Dec 1st	9am-2:30pm	Advent Day Apart - for Pastors – God’s Gifts of Grace Led by Pastors Tom Pullyblank, Sharon Rankins-Burd, Matt Rowe, and Diane Diluzio	Unadilla UMC
Tues., Dec 1st	4:30 PM	District Board On Buildings and Locations - DBLB- Light Dinner will be provided	Downstairs Oneonta District Office
Sun. Dec 6 th	8:45 am	Bishop Webb preaching at Schuyler Lake UMC	Schuyler Lake UMC
Sun. Dec 6 th	5:00 PM	District Leadership Team	First Oneonta UMC
Tues., March 1st, 2016	9am-2:30m	Lenten Day Apart for Pastors	Cooperstown UMC
Sat., March 5th, 2016	TBA	Oneonta District Day	Elm Park UMC
Thurs., April 14th, 2016	TBA	Bishop's Day on the District	Norwich Broad Street UMC

Red Bird Mission Shoe Boxes

As of Nov. 17th the Oneonta District United Methodist churches have contributed a preliminary total of 255 shoeboxes of basic need items to Red Bird Mission, a ministry meeting the basic needs of impoverished families in the Appalachian Mountains area of the U.S.



Way to go Oneonta District!

SUPPORT AFRICA 360

Help Oneonta District move into first place participation in 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/Africa360 (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), 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>

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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

2015 Advent Calendar for download

For more information and to download the calendar go to:

www.thomasmousin.wordpress.com

Reminder of Reports due Dec., 1, 2015

Due Dec. 1, 2015 Following Regional Church/Charge Conference (*mail these to District Office*):

10. Church/Charge Conference Minutes(*with attachments*) _____

11. Church/Charge Conference Sign-In Sheet • _____

Due by December 1, 2015 (*Do not mail printed copy -- just update online*):- Note Please don't forget to select yes and save when completed)

15. Church Profile* (complete at <http://uny.umconline.org>) _____

16. Pastor's Profile* (complete at <http://uny.umconline.org>) _____

What is the United Methodist Church doing for the European migration crisis?

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, has written [an open letter](#) regarding The United Methodist Church's response to the ongoing European migration crisis. In his letter, Kemper outlines the scope of the crisis, requests prayer as an immediate response, and highlights the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). To lend your financial support, please send donations to UMCOR through the Upper New York Conference, 324 University Ave., 3rd floor, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 (please denote "Advance #982450" for International Disaster Response on your check). Additionally, UMCOR is providing food packets and hygiene kits on the island of Kos and Lesbos. [Click here](#) for details of how to assemble UMCOR relief kits. [Click here](#) to read more about The UMC's aid to European refugees.

UNY Conference Trustees activate Revolving Loan Fund

The Upper New York Conference is pleased to announce the activation of the Revolving Loan Fund. Upper New York's predecessor conferences had loan funds to assist churches for certain expenditures, primarily associated with real property, such as major repairs and capital improvements. These funds are now available for lending to UNY churches with these capital needs, when alternative financing is unavailable. [DETAILS](#)

'Track' your congregation's Ministry Shares progress

Through Ministry Shares, your local church supports amazing ministries around the world and in your backyard. The majority of Upper New York Conference churches are currently on track to pay 100 percent of their Ministry Share benevolence for 2015. [Click Here](#) to see the full list of on-track churches. Or go to : <http://www.unyumc.org/about/churches-on-track>



Nicaragua 2016

A VIM team will be going to Nicaragua in 2016. Tentative dates are March 3—17. The team will be working with Dr. Belinda Forbes, UM missionary dentist. Belinda works with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action/ AMC), an agency that works with some of the poorest people in Nicaragua, the second poorest country in our hemisphere. The team will probably do health related work but not direct medical care. Work might include assisting with dental care, health education, construction, etc. AMC will look at the team's skills and the community's needs to determine the work and the location. It is expected that the team will go to the northeastern region, the RACCN, which is regarded as the poorest area of Nicaragua.

The team is being sponsored by First UMC, Schenectady, which has a covenant relationship with Dr. Forbes. Anticipated cost will be \$2000-2500. Team leader is Cindy Schulte. You can contact her at tacks5@hotmail.com or 518-374-3012 for more information or an application. You can also contact Jan Huston for more information at hustonjp24@gmail.com or 518-399-0919. AMC has a website where you can learn more about the work they do with the warm, friendly people of this beautiful country – <http://amcenglish.org>. It is hoped that the team will be formed by mid-Sept. so get your application in 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.

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.*

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<https://sites.google.com/site/oneontadistrictumc/> and at **Conference Webpage at:**

<http://www.unyumc.org/district/oneonta>

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