



Message from the Pastor:

You may not think about it, but pastors are also individual Christians living in the world. It is not automatic that we live moral lives, or that we are good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Like all Christians, we have to make decisions and commitments about our habits and our stewardship, and then live them out. I introduce my comments in this way this month because I am inviting you into a challenge .

For a number of years, we have budgeted more expenses than we expected to receive in income. We have reconciled this shortfall in years past in a few different ways. One way was for people (staff and laypersons) to forego requesting reimbursement for supplies or services that they provided for church events and programs. Another was to defer or delay regular maintenance on the church building (while making necessary repairs). We also have not paid our share of the Upper NY Conference budget. (Each and every United Methodist church is assigned a share of the expenses of the conference, based on the church's income, as reported on our annual report.) Since 2010, we have been making progress toward fully meeting that obligation – in 2013, we met 75% of our obligation; in 2014, however, we are running closer to 50%.

For the year 2015, due primarily to deaths and members moving away, our anticipated giving is down significantly. I have, therefore, been working with the Staff-Parish Relations (personnel) Committee, and the Finance Committee, to implement some difficult changes. On January 11, at 12:00, we will hold a congregational meeting that is called a Church Conference. We will elect Trustees, and vote on changes to our Endowment Fund that will pay for some recent repairs. I will also be asking you, the congregation, to approve 1) the elimination of the Church Secretary as a paid position, and 2) the reduction of the Nurturing Ministries Coordinator (Deacon Dee) from full-time to a 1/2-time position, beginning July 1, 2015. These changes will reduce our staff costs by about \$33,000 this year, and about \$48,000 annually. They will also require increased participation by the laity of the church. I will also be asking you to join me in increasing our commitment to giving to this church, and working on fundraising events and projects.

I mentioned a challenge in the first paragraph. I plan to increase my giving to the church in the new year, and I want to challenge you to join me, match me, or exceed me. I will increase my giving by \$15 per week, or a little more than 17%. I challenge you to see if you can make any increase in your giving. If you are not giving anything, I challenge you to try \$15 per week. If your giving is sporadic, I challenge you to become a regular giver. If you are able, I challenge you to match my increase, either in percentage or dollars, or exceed it. (Consider also, that our household also supports another church in a similar way.)

I am not asking those who have experienced financial setbacks or crises to participate in this challenge. However, I am asking all members and participants in the life of the congregation to prayerfully consider how they can give additional time or money to provide for the ongoing ministry of our church.

I know that this is a difficult subject, and some folks are offended by the pastor talking about his personal giving. It may seem like bragging. Know that I, too, struggle with what to give. I also know that we need to increase our efforts to reach new folks with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to encourage them to participate in our ministry. Please let me know what you are thinking – by mail to the church, by e-mail at metty2rod@aol.com, or by phone, 225-1880. Remember that I cannot respond unless you give your name, and a way to contact you.

May God be with us as we greet all the challenges of a new year!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Matt Stengel

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Salem Nutritional Center

Tuesday, January 20th

9:00am—2:00pm

**Please join us for a
morning of serving.**

Donations Needed:

40 cans of Tuna

5 Jars of Mayo

5 Pies

Plastic Shopping Bags

Empty Coffee Cans



Worship Schedule for January:

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00am



What follows are the Lectionary Readings for each Sunday. Each week, the theme of the services will usually emerge from one of the prescribed readings (often the Gospel). We invite you to read through the lessons prior to Sunday morning. It can be a healthy discipline and enhance the experience of worship.

1/4:	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12	Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 Matthew 2:1-12
1/11:	Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7	Psalms 29 Mark 1:4-11
1/18:	1 Samuel 3:1-10 1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 John 1:43-51
1/25:	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Psalms 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20

A PRAYER CHAIN REMINDER: *We have an active prayer chain, both through e-mails and phone. You're invited to be part of that; just call Bill and Gail Mason at 453-9038. Also, if you have a prayer concern of any kind that you want to share, contact Bill and Gail at the number above or by e-mail at wmason@rochester.rr.com. We only send out prayer concerns when we receive direct requests.*



Altar Flowers: *If you like a formal arrangement placed in honor/memory of a loved one, call Betty LaMonica. Arrangements are \$25.*



Anniversary Ministry: *Please contact me of your special day at dham1@rochester.rr.com*



Thank you, Dick Hamblin

Birthday Ministry: *We would love to recognize your special day. Please e-mail Mandy in the office to let us know if your birthday is not on our calendar. greeceumc@frontiernet.net*



Deadline for all newsletter articles is the 15th of each month by 5:00pm. Please e-mail to Deb Babbage at dbabbage@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.



Thoughts from Deacon Dee:

Nurturing Ministries Coordinator has been a Staff Position here for many years long before I got here. It is a wonderful job and ministry for me. There is and has been a lot of spiritual growth found by participating in small group opportunities. But it takes many volunteers to BE the church in our doors and out of them. Did you know I was asked to come here back in 1989 when the position was created? I declined it at the same time because I was invited to go to a church that was in trouble. Both pastors left and the Christian Educator position had been cut. It was where I needed to be and I knew God had a bigger plan than I did. Now I am here serving as this church almost 30 years later. Now it has to make some difficult decisions about ministry and staffing due to lack of financial stability. More and more activities/opportunities will be needed to be led or done by volunteers in the future. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can serve and please come chat with me about areas you are interested in volunteering. We can be specific about roles and one-time events versus Ministry Team involvement.

Education – Sunday School for all ages, Small groups, Vacation Adventures, Nursery, Youth class and activities

Hospitality – Fellowship Hour (providing goodies for Coffee Hr), Memorial Service Ministry, Greeting/welcoming people on Sunday and people using the building is important.

Fellowship – Social Activities are important for the congregation to have fun together with Game Nights and activities. Community meals and gatherings over food.

Caring for others: Heart to Heart – People who care about homebound members by calling them and keeping them connected. Taking Communion to the homebound and hospital visits.

As we begin a new year, we have new opportunities to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, self control and find hope. I know what fruit I bear, do you know yours? Find out more...

I invite you to challenge yourself about new ways you can serve God & GUMC with joy as we move into the future.

Dee

Church Conference Meeting

On Sunday, January 11, 2015, at 12 noon, we will hold a Church Conference for the purpose of:

- 1) electing Trustees,
- 2) approval of changes to our Endowment Fund to allow for payment of repairs to the windows in the steeple (already accomplished), and changes in where funds are invested, and
- 3) voting on the elimination of the position of Church Secretary and the reduction of the position of Nurturing Ministries Coordinator to 1/2-time, beginning July 1, 2015.

All members of the church will be able to vote. Anyone who participates in the life of the church may express their opinion.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Addresses the Personnel Budget

http://www.greeceumc.org/page/staff_parish_relations_committee

On November 25, the Church Council did not vote on an operating budget for the year beginning January 1, 2015. This was because the planned expenditures (minimally higher than the 2014 plan) significantly exceed the income that is projected for 2015.

The Church Council directed the Finance Committee to submit a more balanced budget at the January Church Council meeting. In support of this effort, the SPRC met in December to review staffing with the aim of reducing the personnel budget in ways that will have the smallest possible impact on programs, services and attendance.

After a great deal of prayer and Christian dialog, this motion was adopted on Thursday December 11:

"The SPRC recommends that the Church Council (or a Church Conference):

- 1) Reduce the Deacon Nurturing Ministries position to half time effective July 1, 2015.*
- 2) Eliminate the paid Administrative Secretary position immediately, notifying the incumbent in accordance with our established policies. (Interpretation: Effective after four weeks' notice from the CC action - Not later than March 1, 2015.)"*

The expectation is that this and other initiatives to close the budget gap will be the subject of a Congregational meeting during January. "

Widows and Widowers Group:

Next meeting:

Sunday, January 18th
@ 2:00pm.
Fellowship Hall



New Grief Forum/Parental Loss

If you or someone you know has lost a parent, a new grief forum is starting in November.

Our meeting will be
Sunday, January 11th
at 10:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall.



Any questions, contact Sally Lepi.

New Pastor Bible Study: Exodus

Once again, there will be a pastor's Bible Study held on Thursdays at 12 noon at the church, and at 7:00 p.m. at the Village at Unity. Anyone may attend either session, and you may switch between them.

The biblical book this session will be the book of Exodus. As we have done in the past, we will use the **Immersion Bible study series** as a guide and complement to the biblical reading.

Sessions will begin on Thursday, January 8 at
12 noon and 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Our Thanksgiving Kelly's pie sale was a success once again, as the coalition raised \$3,235 towards our house sponsorship for 2015. This helps bring our on hand money to a little over \$38,000 towards the sponsorship fee of \$65,000. Thanks for your support; if you purchase a pie(s) we hope you enjoyed them, if you didn't you missed out on a treat.

We continue to push for a groundbreaking in early Spring 2015, and are awaiting a lot and family assignment from the local Habitat chapter. If you're interested in what they're doing, take a look at their website at www.RochesterHabitat.org. This chapter is over 200 homes being built in the City of Rochester, making a big difference in what's called the Josana district – (named for the streets in the area, i.e. Jay, Otis, Scio, Ames, etc.)

Once we know the lot and get closer to groundbreaking, we'll be looking to support the project by asking for donations to sponsor a sq. foot, buy a box of nails, etc. Future fundraisers include an Ash Wednesday spaghetti dinner at Hope Lutheran (they have a program during lent of Wednesday night dinners, and generously let us sponsor the first Wednesday of Lent with net proceeds going toward our project), 2x4 signing, etc. In the meantime, you can help by placing used clothing in the St. Pauly shed in our parking lot, used print cartridges, batteries, etc. in the Imaginelt box inside the main entrance and with your prayers.

Bill Mason

Dinner and Devotion with Dee and Deb

Let's come together to break bread and reflect on God's presence in our lives. Dee and Deb will provide a soup and salad dinner, along with some treats.

Participants can, if they want, bring a soup/dessert to share. Contact Dee.



January Meetings: 14th & 28th
5:30—6:30, Fellowship Hall

Page Turners Monthly Book Club:

January Selection:

The Hurricane Sisters
by Dorothea Benton Frank



Hurricane season begins early and rumbles all summer long, well into September. Often people's lives reflect the weather and **The Hurricane Sisters** is just such a story.

Once again Dorothea Benton Frank takes us deep into the heart of her magical South Carolina Lowcountry on a tumultuous journey filled with longings, disappointments, and, finally, a road toward happiness that is hard earned. There we meet three generations of women buried in secrets.

Frank, with her hallmark scintillating wit and crisp insight, captures how a complex family of disparate characters and their close friends can overcome anything through the power of love and reconciliation. This is the often hilarious, sometimes sobering, but always entertaining story of how these unforgettable women became **The Hurricane Sisters**.

Please join us **Thursday, January 22nd at 10:00am** in the Kerrison Room as we discuss this wonderful novel.

February Selection: If All Rochester Reads.....
The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker

Grand Sweep Bible Study

Ever want to read the Bible cover to cover and could not do it? 360 days in the Bible with a source written to guide you along and a monthly discussion group to make sense of it all.

A new group is set to begin Monday, January 5th.

Would you make a commitment to read and reflect on the Bible and be part of discussion once a month?

Contact Deacon Dee if interested.



Tuesday Book Group:

New Book—Starting 1/6th

A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads

By Kristen E. Vincent

Do you ever struggle with prayer? Maybe your mind wanders, you wonder if God even hears your prayers, or you just don't know what to pray.

A Bead and a Prayer introduces Protestant prayer beads as a tool for connecting with God. This 4-week Bible study is designed for people with no experience in using prayer beads. Praying with beads may be exactly what you need to stay focused in your prayers.

All are welcome to this group which meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in Room 9.

For books or if you have questions, contact:
Linda Hoffman, facilitator
lmhoffman@rochester.rr.com

Bagel and Book Study:

New Book for January!



Slowing Time: Seeing the Sacred Outside Your Kitchen Door

By Barbara Mahany

The sacred is all around, within a finger's reach—here to be gathered, culled, and collected, through simple yet complex art of paying attention, savoring the moment, of cultivating stillness. Noticing the seen, revealing the unseen, and pinpointing the divine in both, one needs not to venture far to find what matters most.

Group meets Wednesday @ 9:30-11:00am
Soho's Bagel Café, Stone Ridge Plaza
Contact Deacon Dee for books.

Greece United Methodist Women:

**Executive Meeting – January 26th, 2014 @7:00pm in Room 9
Chris Collins, president**



CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Miriam: January 12th, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Room # 9

Program: Favorite book review

Ruth: January 13th, 2015, at 12:30 pm in Room # 9

Program: Liz Power's son, Doug, will speak on the benefits of acupuncture. Does it Help? Is it covered by insurance?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

Date: January 18th, 2015

Speaker: Rev. Susan Russell, Guest Services Coordinator at Camp Asbury

Message for the day: "Hope"

Installation of UMW officers will be held at the 9:00 a.m. service.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST "THANK YOU":

Thank you to the men of the congregation who prepared and served breakfast on December 7th at the early hour of 8:00 a.m. to the women of our congregation. Under the leadership of Ray Huber and Tom Hinterman, another gourmet breakfast was served. "Thank You" to Sharon Neary for providing music for the occasion.

The UMW Special Member Award was presented to Betty LaMonica for her service to the church and UMW. Congratulations, Betty!

New members to UMW were recognized. Miriam Circle has two new members, Barb Mertz and Pat McMann. Ruth Circle has one new member, Ruth Uhrenholdt. We welcome these to members to UMW.

MEMBERSHIP:

If any women are interested in being part of UMW, contact Neva Benson, Sally Lepi or any UMW member.



GUMC IS SENDING A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY 2014 TO NICARAGUA . THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

A BOTTLE DRIVE IS CURRENTLY GOING ON TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR TRIP. WITH THE HOLIDAYS UPON US, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS FOR THIS WORTHY TRIP. THANK YOU.

***Meet this year's Volunteers: Dee Finch, Chris Collins, Jonathan Standhart, Missy Symonds,
Emily Kester, Rhyse & Ellegra Nier***



STEWARDSHIP



To date, we've received 77 commitments towards 2015, totaling \$153,767. If our outstanding commitments, based on last year, come in, we will have commitments of approximately \$186,000. This combined with other income, i.e. extra mile giving, Storybook rental, etc., should total \$325,000 towards an expense budget of \$352,000. This leaves a shortfall of \$26,000 for 2015.

Our expenses for next year include staffing, conference shared ministries, facility costs, office services, education programs, music ministries and other programs. Our various committees are hard at work trying to determine ways to close that gap, but, frankly, our committee leaders have been, doing their best to limit outgoing costs over the last few years.

Like most main-line churches today, the challenge boils down to getting new members. Again, our committee leaders are trying new things to appeal to potential members, i.e. the new Sunday schedule, adding a contemporary worship. There are a lot of things we can do as existing members, including taking a second look at our commitment for next year, increasing our budget gap giving, supporting new programs, being an open, friendly, welcoming congregation, sharing ideas with committee leaders and just plain old fashioned filling the pews on Sunday mornings.

If you have not yet submitted your commitment for 2015, please do so as soon as possible to help the finance committee determine exactly where we stand so we can plan for the year.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Bill Mason

Finance Monthly Report:

November numbers are as follows:

- Usable income for the year is \$289,510.20. We have spent \$289,510.10. We have yet to spend for November \$11,204.44. Total to spend is \$300,714.64. Subtract usable from yet to spend leaves \$11,416.52 as a deficit.
- We now have 77 pledges in for a total of \$153,767. We have 40 pledges still out totaling 51,400.00. Pledge cards are available at the church or you can just call me with the amount.
- Budget time is upon us and we need firm numbers as the Budget is prepared.

Happy Holidays to all and hopefully a healthy new year.

Bill Brado



Message from Outreach:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace . . . to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” (I Corinthians 13:13, King James)

Full of faith and charity, GUMC brought hope--as well as a variety of tangibles--to many.

First, our Undie Sunday basket was heaped with 27 packages (181 pairs) of colorful new undies (and 10 pairs of socks) which we delivered to six area elementary schools. The school nurses thank us over and over, saying what a wonderful ministry this is. Santa delivers year-round!

Next, the Mitten Tree's boughs were laden with 50 hats and 65 pairs of mittens, 30 pairs of gloves, 19 scarves, and 2 pairs of socks. In addition, under the tree, more gifts piled up: 73 craft-related items, 14 journals, 20 games, 13 sports balls, 4 personal items, and 4 gift cards! WOW! Someone who saw this impressive collection on the table said, “Your people are incredibly generous.” Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to these two projects, either by shopping, donating, or helping set-up and distribute the wealth.

Mittens and hats would've been a good idea for December 12, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, when members of our congregation supported the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign at Greece Ridge Center. Thanks to Gale Huber for organizing our group of jolly elves to ring those bells!

Finally, we filled 10 Christmas Bags with food; 5 were picked up by people who phoned in a request and 5 were delivered to the Food Shelf. We also provided a turkey to each family requesting a food bag since we had 17 “extra turkeys” left from Thanksgiving!

“And wild and sweet, the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”
JOY to the WORLD, indeed!!

Sunday School Mission Project— “Stamp Act” for Curriculum Starting November 1st through April 2015



Once again, the Sunday School classes are joining with the Alliance Stamp Ministry in collecting and recycling cancelled stamps. The proceeds go toward publishing Spanish language Sunday school materials and distributing them to churches in Latin America. Even in the age of e-mail, people are still using stamps. Help us by collecting your used envelopes and trimming them so the stamps have at least a 1/3 of paper left around them. If you are not comfortable trimming the stamps, just bring in the used envelopes in and our volunteers will trim them for you.

Thank you in advance for helping us spread the God's word to others in the world.

Any questions, please contact Jean Lee.

Thoughts from Co-Lay Leader, Lisa Kostyshak

So much racial turmoil recently.

It disturbs me.

I feel like we are slipping backwards in time.

Last week, I listened to a woman tell how outraged she was about the possibility of having “those city kids” brought out to Spencerport for the Urban-Suburban program. How “those people” will affect our nice little sub-urban dynamic. How “we” all moved out “here” to get away from “them”. She automatically included me into one of her “we”. She automatically put all of “them” into one judged bucket.

The words below have been bubbling up inside me ever since that day.

As the New Year begins, reconsider how you see, think about, and treat people. All people. Not just the ones you’re comfortable with.

What Do You See When You Look at Me?

When you look at me, what is the ***first thing you see?***

The clothes I am wearing?

The color of my hair?

The color of my skin?

The shape of my nose?

The expression on my face?

When you look at me, what do ***you notice?***

About my clothes?

About my hair?

About my skin color?

About the shape of my nose?

About the expression on my face?

When you look at me, do you really ***see me?***

Or do you only see all the people like me that you have known before?

Those who have put beliefs into your head about who you think I am?

What if you took the time to ***know me?***

Without concern for my exterior shell?

Only looking at what is on the inside?

What would you find?



Congregation Updates

Note of Gratitude

The family of David Alan Bellinger would like to express our sincerest appreciation for your generosity in providing a beautiful service for our family and friends and a time to share memories during the service as well as afterward in the church hall. Rev. Stengal, your choir, and your hospitality ministry of the church are outstanding. Thank you to everyone who participated in the church memorial service, those who helped set up, donated, and worked that day. Your thoughtfulness, prayers, cards, kind words, and the love we have been given during our time of bereavement will never be forgotten. May God Bless You!

Lucy has now lost three sons and a husband. If you would like to send her a card to help her go through the holidays:

Lucy Bellinger

Address available through office

Address Updates:

Merrilyn Smith—Zip 14616

Adam Bellinger

Sungmin & Haeyeun Shin

*Not available for web edition.
Please call office for updates.*



Passings:
Viola Knyrim
Alice Guido (Calf)

11/29/14

January Birthdays

January Anniversaries:

*Not available for web edition.
Please call office for updates.*



Sunday Volunteers: *Thank you to all our Volunteers!*

Nursery

1/4: Janice & Eric Ruppert

1/11: Phyl-Ann Helmes/Kali Iachetta

1/18: Melissa Dunn/Chelsea Whittemore

1/25: Debbie & Missy Symonds

Liturgists

1/4: No Liturgist

1/11: Debbie Babbage

1/18: No Liturgist

1/25: Dick Hamblin

Ushers

9:00: Don & Nancy LaClair, John & Carol Guild

11:00: Team Z - Sally Lepi leader

Projectionists:

1/4: Earle Ridley/ Jonathan Standhart

1/11: TBD

1/18: TBD

1/25: TBD

Anniversary Ministry:

When Arlene and I chaired "Membership Care", we thought we would honor our church families' wedding anniversaries. Flowers on the altar, the first Sunday of the month, list all the couples anniversaries. The couple being married the longest could take the flowers home. If they weren't at the service, the flowers are delivered to them. This idea is well received. Our longest married couple is Regina and Larry Perkins—married 72 years on December 12th, 2014. Please notify me or the office of your special day. Thank you.

Dick Hamblin

The Worship Committee is looking for people who want to aid their fellow worshipers each Sunday.

The **Altar Guild** members serve for a month to care for the chancel; filling the candles, changing the paraments as required, and preparing for baptisms. This work can be done any time during the week, with the candles being checked between services. If you are interested, contact Phyl Ann Helmes. At present the months of June & July are open.

We are also looking for a few extra **Communion Stewards**. This is a once a month obligation (and most likely only a few times a year). If interested, contact Mary Vande Logt.



Worship Committee

Greeters for both Worship Services



We are looking for people who would like to greet people 15 minutes before 9:00 and 11:00 Worship.

Anyone can be a greeter, individuals, family groups, youth. If interested, contact Melissa Dunn @723-9053. Plus if you would be willing to assist her in setting up the schedule give her a call.

Want to Serve as a Usher

Interested in serving your congregation in a small but significant way?

Why not become part of one of the ushering teams?

Groups of four members serve for a month once or twice during the year.

Contact Tom Hinterman in person, Hinterman.Tom7@Gmail.com,



**There is a need for ushers to serve at the 11:00 Worship and Praise service. Sign-up is for weekly rotation.*

Nursery Servants are Needed



Sally Lepi, Nursery Coordinator is looking for people to help serve a week in the nursery during worship. Could you sign up? We need to be able to give people with young children the option during both 9 and 11am for childcare.

We are desperate to offer this hospitality and are very short on having 2 adults per worship services.

Please sign up today with Sally Lepi call or email slepi20002000@yahoo.com

January 2015—As of 12/15th

Please see Website for updates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's AA 11:00AM	2 AA 12:00PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	3
4 Carmine's Sunday Fund-raiser 8:00AM to 12:00PM Traditional Worship Service 9:00AM Fellowship Hour & Education 10:00AM Praise & Worship Service 11:00AM	5 AA 12:00PM Silver Squares Square Dancers 12:30PM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30PM Boy Scouts Troop #5 6:30PM	6 Staff Mtg. 9:30AM Tuesday Book Study 10:00AM Women's AA 10:30AM Guitar Music Lessons 2:30PM Weight Watchers 5:30PM Education 7:00PM Treble Clefs 7:00PM Praise Band Practice 7:00PM	7 Bagels And Book Study 9:30AM AA 12:00PM Bell Choir 6:15PM Chancel Choir 7:00PM	8 Atria Sr Bible Study 10:30AM Women's AA 11:00AM Boy Scout Troop #195 7:00PM	9 AA 12:00PM Creative Hands 1:15PM AA 7:30PM	10 Emmaus Gathering 8:30AM
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Saturday, January 31, 2015

Please click the link below for registration.

Canandaigua UMC
100 North Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-5335

*Join friends from around the Districts
for a day of worship, insightful
teaching, fellowship, and a meal.*

The day's agenda will be as follows:

8:15am	Doors Open
8:30am	Registration
9:00am	Gathering
9:15– 11:15am	Time of Learning & Renewal
11:15–12:00pm	Worship w/Bishop Webb
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00– 3:00pm	Time of Learning & Renewal
3:00pm	Depart

Lunch will be Chicken & Rice Soup.

Please let us know if you need a vegetarian option on the line below:

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Cost: \$25 per person (Lunch included)

No discount given for a single workshop selection

**No Childcare is provided on site
however child care support is available
please contact your pastor**

Registrations are due by 1/16/15

Register online and mail checks by 1/16/2015

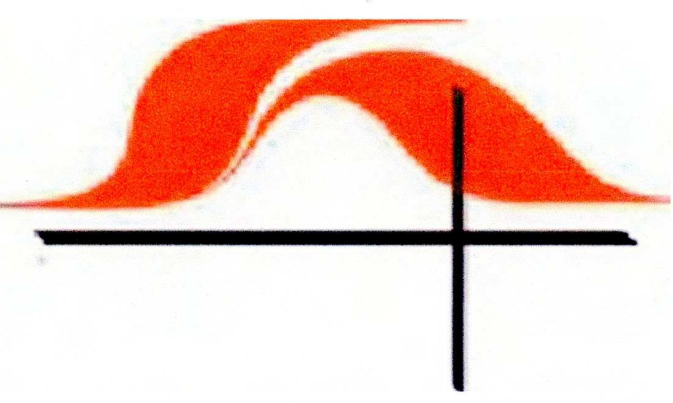
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**Finger Lakes District &
Genesee Valley District**



Leadership Training Day

January 31, 2015

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Two hour sessions:

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Sherri Rood

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Scott Johnson

Finance/Audits/Appportionments

Kevin Domanico

Pastoral Transitions

Cathy Hall Stengel

Spiritual Direction

Natalie Scholl

Media literacy

Robin Blair

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Jeff McDowell

Praying with your Camera

Nancy Wilson

Full Day Workshops:

Safe Sanctuaries Training — Rev. Todd Goddard/Chris Jewell UNY Safe Sanctuary Trainers

This is the Conference approved and prepared training for all in our churches who need Safe Sanctuary Training!

Half Day Workshops: AM or PM

"On Fire for Mission" - Greg Forrester,

A missional church is a vibrant church. This workshop will explore how churches can become involved in mission and help transform the world.

SPRC..how and what— Rev. Jeff McDowell, District Superintendent Finger Lakes District

Everything you wanted to know about how to be the Pastor Parish Relations Team of your church.

Morning Only Workshops:

"Is God Calling You to Start a New Community?" – Rev. Dave Masland, UNY Director of New Faith Communities

In this class, we will explore what we are learning about the people God is calling us to reach. We will hear about the creative ways new faith community planters around the country, and in particular the Northeast are connecting with new people in their neighborhoods. We will think about the importance of context, will consider various strategies and the ways each one might make sense in your context. We will learn about the strategies the Upper New York will be focusing on, and why.

8 Essentials for Revitalization — Aaron Bouwens, UNY Director of Vital Congregations

Across our conference churches are adopting plans and processes which are leading to revitalization... re-creation...and renewal! Come hear the exciting stories and learn some things which will lead your church toward revitalization! We will be talking about the 8 essentials for revitalization that inform the Hand2Plow process.

A Job or a Ministry? - Secretaries/Ad Assistants/Record Keeping - Barb Kingsley, Administrative Assistant Rush UMC and Past President of Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries

Some great ideas on how to be effective and efficient in a welcoming office and in keeping records, discussion on job vs ministry and Q&A.

Trustees..how and what -Tom Clemow

Explore the exciting world of Trustees. Care for the facilities, care for the Investments...care-full creation of a space which welcomes all.

All in a System: The Power of Church and Family – Rev. Dr. Lynn Acquafondata

This workshop teaches the basic patterns of interpersonal systems in churches and families, and give strategies for building on strengths and identifying weaknesses. What is your role in helping your church live up to its full potential? How can this help strengthen your own family? The workshop will merge the creative and analytical sides of your brain with hands-on activities and visual diagramming exercises. Rev. Dr. Lynn M. Acquafondata is a pastoral counselor and the creator of the Congogram model for counseling churches experiencing a variety of challenges.

How to Make our Church Young People Friendly - Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady/ Mike Mullin

Social Media - Steve Hustedt

Afternoon Only Workshops:

We Do BIG Things Together – Rev. Sherri Rood, District Superintendent Cornerstone District
Shared ministries...Apportionments...Just what do we mean? Shared ministries make disciples and transform lives! Come learn about the theology and history of shared ministries as well as hear the stories of how together we can do more than any one individual church.

How to be Lay Leaders – Scott Johnson, Conference Lay Leader
I am a Local Lay Leader, now what? A disciplined and practical approach to being a Lay Leader.

Finance/Audits/Appportionments - Kevin Domanico, UNY Conference Treasurer
The workshop will provide us an opportunity to connect and share information and questions on a variety of financial related topics. This workshop will provide information to the local church finance teams including church treasurers, finance committee members and clergy. It will be a place to ask questions and discuss church financial record keeping, billing, auditing, filing, reporting, internal controls, statistical reporting and more.

Pastoral Transitions in Church Life & Relationships – Rev. Dr. Cathy Hall Stengel
Maybe your pastor is retiring, or your pastor is leaving and a new pastor is coming to your church – all of these changes make for a potentially difficult time! Spend some time with me as we talk about preparing for a healthy transition, helping your congregation, and yourself deal with the mix of feelings that are a part of pastoral changes. Instead of letting change overwhelm you – plan for ways to make it a healthy experience for your church family/community.

Spiritual Direction – Natalie Scholl, Pastor, Spiritual Director
Creating Spaces for the Soul - Experience a soulful contemplative process in the model of Parker Palmer's Circles of trust, which incorporates deep listening, individual reflection and guided group sharing. The format and content of this session are designed to be personally nourishing and supportive of congregational deepening.

Media Literacy as Spiritual Practice in the Local Church – Robin Blair
The images, sounds and textures used to communicate the story of your faith community, conveys certain messages in addition to the church name and address you use on your website, YouTube channel or Facebook (FB) page.
Come learn how to assemble elements of media to convey the messages you want to share. We will take apart some media constructs and examine how well, or not so well, others share their stories. You will walk away with a new understanding of how to decode media messages and use media production as an expression and experience of spiritual practice.

This is FUN! You will LAUGH! Do not let this workshop pass you by – learn what media speaks to you as shapes your sense of faithful presence in the world!

Praying with your Camera – Nancy Wilson
Come and learn how your camera/cell phone camera can become a tool to enlighten and guide you on your faith walk. Prayerful spiritual practices will be shared which can be used on a daily basis to help open your heart to God's loving presence in answer to our soul's deep longing to make quiet time for the One who created us and whom we serve.