

We hope that you will join your sisters and brothers in Christ for a time of fellowship, worship & learning.

MORNING (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Pastor John A. Jackson, J.D., Associate Pastor, Hurlbut Memorial Community UMC

Professional Mediator for more than 30 years

This course is intended to help in relationships with family & friends, colleagues, business associates, strangers & even adversaries. Participants will learn how thoughtful attitudes & techniques can reduce consequences to themselves & their personal & business relationships.

Can I Get a Witness? The Power in Sharing Faith

Rev. Everett Bassett, District Superintendent

Oneonta District, Upper New York Conference

Many United Methodists have become shy about talking about God, thinking it is scary, strange or offensive or only for a few gifted or specially-trained people. This workshop begins with the belief that every person is already an expert about her/his faith experience and seeks to break down the barriers that prevent us from unleashing the God-given power of faith sharing. Practical applications for individuals & local churches will be shared.

Developing a Discipleship System

Rev. Aaron Bouwens, Director of Vital Congregations

Upper New York Conference

We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, yet too often we do not have a clear plan to help people engage in that journey. This workshop will look at the key points of a discipleship system from a Wesleyan perspective, as well as include practical steps to developing a plan for a local congregation.

The Roots of a Prayerful Life

Rev. John Tyson, Professor of Church History & Director of United Methodist Studies

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

In this session, Dr. Tyson will examine the historical & spiritual foundation upon which Wesleyan Spirituality was built. Topics addressed will include The Epworth Manse, the Oxford Holy Club & the Pressing Demands of a vibrant ministry.

AFTERNOON (1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

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Local Church Finance 101

Kevin Domanico, Treasurer, Upper New York Conference

A review of basic church accounting practices, such as the role of the financial secretary, dual control, the treasurer's role, audits & budgets. Q&A as time permits.

Methodist Methods of Prayer

Rev. John Tyson, Professor of Church History & Director of United Methodist Studies, CRCD

The session will explore the main themes, concerns & practices which epitomize prayer in the Wesleyan tradition.

Who Is My Neighbor?

Rev. Aaron Bouwens, Director of Vital Congregations

Upper New York Conference

The cultural context of local congregations is constantly shifting. You will acquire & sharpen tools for helping local congregations explore the people who are in their neighborhood.

ALSO, two all-day workshops are being offered (begin at 9 a.m.; continue at 1:30 p.m.):

Keeping Company with Jesus Prayer Retreat

Rev. Suzanne Block, Lead Pastor, & **Rev. Carrie Wolfe**, Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries
Christ UMC, Olean

This prayer “retreat” is for anyone who wishes to enrich & deepen his/her practice of prayer & will explore the many aspects of prayer including Receiving God’s Love, Experiencing the Transforming Power of God’s Love & Responding to God’s Love.

When God Calls, Say “Yes!”

Susan Hardy, Conference Lay Leader, Upper New York Conference

Using Robert Schnase’s book, Just Say Yes! as a resource, the workshop will offer practical ways church leaders can rethink fundamental assumptions about organizations & leadership & give examples of how every church can unleash people for ministry.

SCHEDULE

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| 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. | Check-in/Gather |
| 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Workshop |
| 11:15 a.m. | Worship |
| 12:15 a.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Workshop |
| 3:30 p.m. | Safe Travel Home! |

Registration for Learning Day for Laity & Clergy is \$25 per person & includes morning refreshments, workshop(s) & lunch. Churches that register three or more people will receive a 20% discount per person!

Safe Sanctuaries-trained child care will be available. Cost is \$5 per child with a parent’s fully paid registration.

- Pre-registration is required
- Parent(s) must remain on the premises
- Child’s own snacks/brown bag lunch must be provided

REGISTRATION FORM

(Mail to Cornerstone District Office, 663 Lakeview Ave., Jamestown, NY, 14701 or register online at www.cornerstonedistrict.com/Resources/2018LearningDay)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Home church _____

Email _____

Special needs (dietary, mobility, etc.) _____

Child care for _____ (number)

WORKSHOPS

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