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JOYS & CONCERNS

Please include these prayer requests in your weekly church bulletin, in your prayers during your Sunday worship if you have a time of "pastoral prayer" and keep these pastors, their families and the Church families in your prayers throughout the week.

July 22

The **Ripley** and **South Ripley** Churches.

July 29

Bishop Mark J. Webb, his wife Jodi and their family
The **Upper New York Conference staff** and their families

August 5

The **Sheridan** Church.

Please keep the family of **Miriam Laundry** in your prayers. Miriam, 98, died on June 30 and was predeceased by her husband, the Rev. Franklin Laundry, who served several Upper New York churches, including Chautauqua: Hurlbut, Rochester: Seneca, and others. A memorial service was held July 14 in Christ Chapel of Lutheran Social Services, 715 Falconer Street in Jamestown. [Click here](#) to read the full obituary.

Please keep the family of **James (Jim) Krager** in your prayers. Jim, who served as the Director Emeritus at Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center for 45 years, passed away on July 3. A Celebration of Life was held July 7 at Sky Lake; memorial contributions may be directed to the Sky Lake Campership Fund. Condolences can be sent to Jim's wife, Cindy Krager, 159 Springsteen Rd, Windsor, NY 13865. [Click here](#) to read Jim's full

obituary.

Also be in prayer for all who are in need of physical healing, burdened by stress, living with grief, and more.

UPDATED - Changes in the Cornerstone District

We offer prayers and welcome to:

Pastor Bruce Fish and his wife Sue who will be serving Napoli UMC effective August 1, 2018

[Click here](#) to download the complete list of 2018 Appointments (updated July 1).

IMPORANT - Changes at Church?

If there are changes in the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for you, and/or any of your committee chairs, please contact the District Office with the changes.



If your church has not sent in the [interface form](#) (which was due soon after your 2017 charge conference), we do not have the names and contact information on your 2018 church officers. **Please check to see that yours is filled out and was sent in.** Thanks!

Share Your Thoughts About Annual Conference

Bishop Mark Webb and the Upper New York Conference staff thanks those of you who attended the 9th session of the Upper New York Annual Conference. If you haven't done so already, please fill out a [brief survey](#). Your input is valued as plans are made for future Annual Conference sessions.

NEW - From the Desk of Bishop Webb: Commission on the Way Forward Update

Dear Friends,

I learned July 7-8 that the Commission on a Way Forward report would not be released on July 8 as communicated by the Council of Bishops after our May meeting. The final report has been submitted to the Commission on General Conference, but the translation work is still in process.

It is my understanding that a revised timeline of the completion of the translations will be coming from the Commission on General Conference soon. It is important that the whole church receive this report at the same time. May we continue to pray for our delegation, each delegate who will participate in the special session of General Conference, and The United Methodist Church.

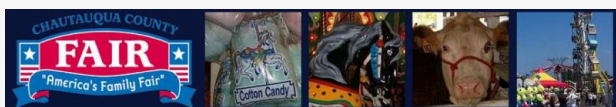
Blessings,



NEW -

The Commission on a Way Forward has released series of videos that the Commission hopes will inform The United Methodist Church on its processes and work done during the 18-month period of its meetings and deliberations. The videos can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube and can be downloaded for viewing offline.

The videos can be found [here](#).



NEW - County Fair Time!

Chautauque County Fair

July 16 through July 22

Address for Fairgrounds is 1089 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY

Cattaraugus County Fair

July 30 through August 5

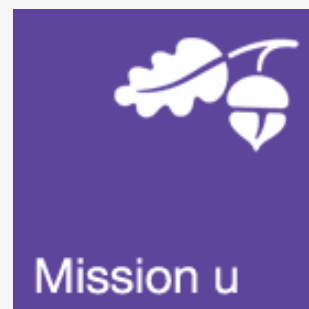
Address for Fairgrounds is 501 Erie St., Little Valley, NY

Check out East Randolph UMC's food booth at the Fair!

Mission u 2018

"Learning Together for the Transformation of the World" is the theme for Upper New York UMW's **Mission u**, scheduled **July 20 & 21** at **Asbury Camp & Retreat Center** in Silver Lake.

Mission u is open to all: men, women, youth, laity & clergy. The session includes worship, singing and fellowship and offers opportunities to study current issues that have an impact on society. Martie Fischer, a retired United Methodist pastor, will lead all in a study of "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living."



You may download the 2018 Mission u brochure [here](#). Questions may be directed to Valerie Clark, dean, at vdjphilly@gmail.com or 585-233-9808.

NEW - Camp for the Whole Family

All are invited to attend **Family Bible Camp** at The Camp at Findley, July 22 to July 28.

Evening services with **Rev. Joy Moore** speaking begin Sunday, July 22, at 7 p.m.

World-renowned New Testament author and

83rd annual
**Family
Bible
Camp**
July 22-28, 2018

speaker **Dr. Ben Witherington** will be speaking at Bible Hour at 9 a.m. and Disciple Hour at 10:45 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 23-27.

Pastors: You can earn one CEU by attending the morning sessions with Ben Witherington, Monday through Friday. Cost is \$30; call The Camp at Findley to register, 716-769-7146.

A nursery and programs for children, youth and young adults are offered during the week and overnight accommodations are available. Go to Family Bible Camp 2018 on Facebook, www.thecampatfindley.com or call 716-769-7146 for more information about the speakers, meals and lodging and the daily schedule.

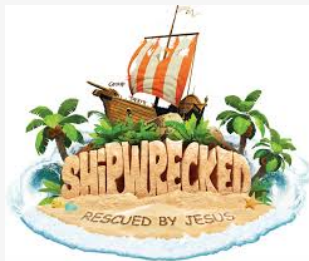
VBS at Little Valley UMC

Operation Overboard: Go Deep With God! is the theme for the **July 23 - July 26** vacation Bible school at **First United Methodist Church**, 109 Court St. in Little Valley.



Operation Overboard is an invitation and a challenge to dive into the deep waters of God's word and discover what it means to have deep faith. Sessions will be held from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Monday through Thursday. A VBS "wrap up" will take place at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 29.

If you have questions or would like to register, please call the church, 716-938-6150.



VBS at Bemus Point UMC

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus is the theme for the **July 30 through August 3** vacation Bible school at **Bemus Point United Methodist Church**, 4954 Bemus-Ellery Rd.

Class will be held from **9 a.m. to 12 noon each day**. Participants will venture onto an uncharted island where they will survive and thrive and become anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Parents may register their children online (www.bpumc.com) or call the church office, 716-386-3401, if they have questions.

Community-Wide VBS at East Randolph UMC

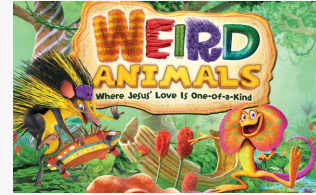
Randolph area churches - **East Randolph United Methodist**, Grace Episcopal, Randolph Presbyterian & St. Patrick Catholic - are joining together for vacation Bible School **August 6 through August 10** at **East Randolph UMC**, 122 Church St.

Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus is the theme for the week. Class is scheduled from **8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** each day.

Registration forms are available at participating churches. If you would like to volunteer to help or need more information, please call Louise Freeman, 716-358-2635.

VBS at Ripley UMC

Weird Animals - Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind is the theme for a weekly vacation Bible school at **Ripley United Methodist Church**, 84 W. Main St.



The summer program will meet from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays in August** (August 6, 13, 20, 27). Each week will explore a different situation - when you feel left out, when you feel different, when you don't understand, when you do wrong or are afraid - and affirms that nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Bob Ebert, 716-951-2192 or Darlene Meeder, 814-881-1411



DON'T FORGET - UMM Fall Retreat

The **United Methodist Men of the Upper New York Conference** are inviting all men, women, children and families to **Transformation Through Christ: Turn 180 Degrees**, a weekend-long retreat **September 7 & 8** at **Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center** in Windsor, NY.

The theme of the retreat is based on Romans 12:2a: *Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.* (GNB)

The retreat will feature **Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.** of the Mississippi Conference and President of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. **UNY Bishop Mark Webb** and the **Rev. Mark Kimpland** from Endwell UMC also will be speaking at the retreat.

The retreat promises to be a dynamic, spiritual weekend with the opportunity for all attendees to take a fresh look at their relationship with the Lord! Listen to what Bishop Webb says about the retreat [here](#)

For more information and to register online, [click here](#). You also may register by mail using a [paper form](#).

Spread the word about the retreat with this [bulletin insert](#). For more information, call or email Sanjay Solomon, (937) 626-5247 or sanjsol@aol.com.

LSM Fall Training at Kidder

Cornerstone's **2018 Lay Servant Ministries Fall Training** is scheduled **October 12 and 13** at **Kidder Memorial United Methodist Church**, 385 N. Main St., Jamestown. Gathering/registration begins at 5 p.m. on Friday followed by a time of worship and class time from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; class is held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Classes to be offered include:



1. **Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**
2. **Class Leaders** (Accountable Discipleship is a prerequisite for this class)
3. **Planning Worship**
4. **Transforming Evangelism**

Cost, which includes snacks on Friday (no meal) and snacks/lunch on Saturday is \$25 per person. Cost of overnight lodging is extra. Checks must be made payable to UNYAC; you must be paid in full to be considered registered for a class.

Watch for a brochure (paper and online) which will be available later this summer!



2018 Native American Festivals

July 20-22 Seneca Veterans PowWow
Salamanca, NY

July 28-29 Summer Music and Dance Festival
Ganondagan State Historic Site, Victor, NY

September 1-2 33rd Annual Iroquois Indian
Festival. Iroquois Indian Museum, 324 Caverns
Road, Howes Cave, NY

September 8-9 Akwesasne Pow Wow. Grand entry at 12 noon.
Akwesasne Territory, Mohawk Nation, Anowarakowa Arena, Cornwall
Island, Ontario

September 16 Saratoga Native American Festival. National Museum of
Dance at Saratoga Spa State

September 21-23 Native Nations Festival, Watson Homestead, 9620
Dry Run Road, Painted Post, NY

September 28-29 Seneca Indian Fall Festival, Cattaraugus Territory

November 11 Canandaigua Treaty Celebration. 12 noon - 9
pm, Courthouse lawn, Canandaigua and Elementary School

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the summer. The next ATC will be published**

UPDATE - Summer Camp 2018

THERE ARE SPACES for campers, families, and retreat-goers in almost all of our programming for this summer/fall, so it's not too late to inquire about or register for camps and retreats! To see a complete schedule, click [here](#).

If there are any questions, please contact Camp & Retreat Ministries (toll free), 855-414-6400 or info@campsandretreats.org.



2018 Bishop's Retreat

Cornerstone clergy are asked to save **October 23-25** on their calendars for the annual **Bishop's Retreat**, which will take place at the **Genesee Grande Hotel** in Syracuse.

"Living, Leading and Equipping for Biblical Stewardship" is the theme for the 2018 retreat. Dr. Clif Christopher, M.Div, CRFE, will be the keynote speaker. In addition, a variety of workshops will be offered Wednesday morning (October 24).

Please click [here](#) for the retreat's full schedule and more information about Dr. Christopher. **Deadline to register is Friday, September 28.**



Is Your Church Using VitalSigns?

One item coming out of the 2018 Upper New York Annual Conference is a recommendation from the Conference Leadership Team **strongly encouraging all UNY congregations** to begin using the **VitalSigns Dashboard** on September 1, 2018.

A number of churches in our District already use the VitalSigns Dashboard with great success/results. A downloadable (PDF) guide for local churches is available [here](#). To sign up to record your weekly VitalSigns, [click here](#).

Disaster Preparedness

You can't prevent disaster. But you can prepare. United Methodist Insurance has created a comprehensive, robust handbook on **Emergency Preparedness for Natural Disasters**



and Extreme Weather for Churches.

[Click here](#) to download the eBook.

Editor's Note: The following is a follow-up about the Water Sensor Program from Church Mutual that was discussed during the Trustee's Report at the Upper New York Annual Conference.



Each year, more than 3,500 Church Mutual Insurance Company customers are affected by water damage. Unchecked, water can wreak havoc on unmonitored facilities, causing thousands of dollars in clean up and repairs.

To help prevent future losses, Church Mutual has developed the CM Sensor Program to help protect your organization against water damage. **This innovative program is offered at no cost to you as a Church Mutual customer.** The program alerts you to temperature fluctuations and the presence of water in your facility. To date, more than 5,000 houses of worship have already enrolled in this innovative program!

Enroll at <https://www.churchmutual.com/sensors/registration.cfm> or call (800) 554-2642, option 1 to receive your no-cost CM Sensor kit. For a limited time, enrollment in the sensor program comes with FREE professional installation! *

Find more information on the CM Sensor Program at <https://www.churchmutual.com/sensors/>.

*Professional installation is not required. Sensors are designed to be self-installed.



UPDATE - Collection Site for Red Bird

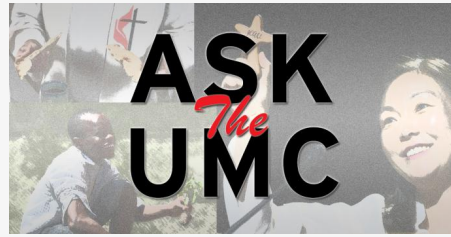
Robert Ebert has volunteered to coordinate the drop-off of shoeboxes for Red Bird Mission.

Ripley United Methodist Church, 84 W. Main St., will be the drop-off site. **Drop-offs must be scheduled by calling Bob**, 716-951-2192.

Again this year **Dave Alexander** and the **Endwell United Methodist Church** in the Binghamton District will be coordinating delivery of shoeboxes to Redbird Mission in Beverly, KY. **Pick-up and transport of items will take place the first week in December.**

If drop-off is not able to be scheduled at Ripley, there is a storage site in Endwell where shoeboxes and other items ([see this list](#)) may be delivered.

Please consider being part of this vital mission. If you have any questions, please call the Endwell UMC at 607-754-5735 or Dave Alexander at 607-743-8955.



Do you have questions about The United Methodist Church? Need help deciphering the hows and whys of who we are or what we believe? Maybe you have a faith question you've been pondering? We invite you to Ask the UMC.



Five ways you and your church can better equip Vital Congregations and make disciples of Jesus Christ!

1. Ignite your ministry at the School of Congregational Development (SCD). Plan to attend SCD 2018, a premier event for equipping church leaders to lead vital, dynamic and life-changing congregations, August 15-18 in San Diego. The event will include worship and more than 100 sessions and workshops, led by outstanding speakers and presenters. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2HrwQsh>. For more information, including the event schedule and lodging details, download a PDF file [here](#).

2. Pray for young people attending the global convocation. Traveling from 40 different countries around the world, 331 participants are attending the Global Young People's Convocation in Johannesburg, South Africa, this month. The young people are together July 18-22 for worship, important conversations, leadership development and celebration. Delegates will use a small group process to talk about important issues, propose legislation and then vote on these proposals during the Legislative Forum. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2NiX5zC>.

3. Get Spanish language resources for starting new congregations. Online resources in Spanish, including videos, are available from New Church Starts (Path 1) to help start new Hispanic/Latino congregations. Learn new ideas and best practices by visiting the dedicated Spanish language page on the New Church Starts website at <https://bit.ly/2LhIHdk>.

4. Celebrate resources written for women by women. Dozens of books are featured in a new digital catalog especially for women from Upper Room Books. Women of God - Be Creative with the

Creator weaves in reflection questions and meditations throughout to provide an interactive experience. A print version of the catalog was shared with hundreds of women at the United Methodist Women assembly in May. To view the catalog online, go to <https://bit.ly/2NVaRt5>.

5. Mentoring available for churches planting new churches. New Church Starts (Path 1) is providing help to 10 United Methodist churches in the United States that want to launch a second campus, whether in a new location or a location where ministry has historically been offered. Path 1 is partnering with First UMC in McKinney, Texas, and facilitators with experience as pastors of multi-site churches to mentor leader teams. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2NRoslq>.



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