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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.

June 10

The **Limestone** Church. **Rev. Bob Beard**, his wife Sandra and their family.

The **Napoli** Church. **Tracey Barron**, her husband Daniel and their children Jadon, Rylee and Ty.

June 17

The **Machias** Church. **Pastor Nancy Preston**, her husband Richard and their family.

June 24

The **Magnolia** and **Open Meadows** Churches. **Pastor John Bowen**, his wife Cordie and their family.

Please keep the family of the **Rev. Jan Rowell** (former Oneonta DS) in your prayers. Jan's father, Bill McClary, died May 28. Cards may be sent to 9 Van Buren St., Albany, NY, 12206

Please pray for **Sharon Bassett** (Oneonta District) and her family. Sharon's mother, June Carlson, died Sunday, May 20. Cards may be sent to Sharon at 116 Deerfield Dr., Oneonta, NY, 13820.

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

NEW - Changes in the Cornerstone District

We join with our friends in the Cornerstone District in sending prayers and best wishes to those who are moving from our District: **Pastor Ray Gilman**, his wife Andrea and their family, who will be serving Clarence Center UMC in the Niagara Frontier District effective July 1, 2018.

Rev. Rodney Mileham and his wife Trish, who will be serving Kendall UMC in the Genesee Valley District effective July 1, 2018.

Pastor Larry Russell, who will be serving Orwell & Sandy Creek UMCs in the Northern Flow District effective July 1, 2018.

Pastor Nancy Russell, who will be serving Mannsville/Lorraine UMC in the Northern Flow District effective July 1, 2018.

Rev. Dena Stevens, who will be serving Arkport and Bishopville UMCs in the Mountain View District effective July 1, 2018.

Pastor Grace Warren and her husband Ernie, who will be serving Mexico:First UMC in the Crossroads District effective July 1.

We also offer prayers and welcome to:

Pastor Kevin Costner, his wife Heather and their family, who will be serving Clymer & North Clymer UMCs effective July 1, 2018.

Cynthia Hull (lay supply) and her husband Vince, who will be serving Machias UMC effective July 1, 2018.

Rev. Charles Smith and his wife Kimberly, who will be serving East Randolph UMC effective July 1, 2018.

Charles Wittenbrook (lay supply) serving Charlotte Center & Pleasant Valley UMCs since May 1, 2018

And we pray for those who will be serving new/additional churches in our District, effective July 1, 2018:

Pastor Craig Buelow, his wife Diane and their family, who will be serving Northeast Allegany County Churches (Belfast, Caneadea, Friends in Christ & Rushford).

Pastor Mike Childs and his wife LeAnn, who will be serving Lakewood UMC in addition to Celoron UMC.

Prayers and congratulations to **Pastor Nancy Preston** and her husband Rich on Nancy's retirement.

For the complete list of 2018 Appointments, please click [here](#).

NEW - 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.



The VitalSigns Dashboard is a tool developed through GCFA that allows you to track your weekly worship attendance, professions of faith, small

group participation, missional participation and financial giving for your congregation. It is a tool designed to help congregations follow their progress on the goals that they set for each year, based upon the goal-setting challenge initiated by the Vital Congregations work. It was developed in response to the Call To Action to focus on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital congregations effective in the mission of The United Methodist Church.

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](#).



NEW - INR Small Group Meetings

The in-person trainings for **Imagine No Racism** small group facilitators took place May 19 and May 30. If you are a facilitator and were unable to attend either training, a link to an online training (self-paced) will be available soon.

Our District has eight small groups ([roster attached](#)). If you have yet to affiliate with a small group (**mandatory for all clergy and lay supply**), please contact the Rev. Carrie Wolfe, INR Coordinator for our District, and let her know which group you've chosen. If you don't see your name and have joined a group, please let her know that as well.

Contact information for Carrie and the other District Advocates on our INR team are listed below:

Paula Derwick, paula@fox-financial.com, 716-373-7745 (h), 716-801-0512 (cell)

John Jackson, jajackson@yahoo.com, 716-753-3550 (h), 703-850-2265 (cell)

Carmen Perry, carmenperry10@yahoo.com, 716-916-2269 (cell)

Carrie Wolfe, carrie@christumcolean.org, 716-628-9799 (cell)

Click [here](#) for the June/July issue of the Media Resource Center newsletter!

Breakfast to Benefit Summer Program

All are invited to join the faithful cooks at **Ripley United Methodist Church**, 84 W. Main St., for their monthly breakfast on **Saturday, June 9**. Full breakfast menu served from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., all you can eat (and drink). Cost is \$7 per person.

Proceeds will benefit Kingdom Konxions, summer program for kids.



NEW - Meeting of Greater Cattaraugus Area Pastors

The Greater Cattaraugus Area "flock" of Cornerstone pastors will meet at **10 a.m. Thursday, June 14, at Neighbors2 Restaurant, 560 Orchard St. in Cherry Creek**. Pastor Wes Tessey is the group's

shepherd, if you have questions or need more information, please call or email him.

UNY Methodist Historical Society to Meet on June 16

The **Upper New York United Methodist Historical Society** was organized by the Upper New York Commission on Archives and History to promote and preserve Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren history within the bounds of Upper New York Conference. Its mission is to **Preserve the PAST; Inform the FUTURE.**

The Historical Society will meet **Saturday, June 16**, at **Clyde United Methodist Church**, 84 Sodus St. in Clyde. All who are interested in the work of the organization are welcome to attend. The meeting is set to begin at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a lunch hosted by the church (free-will donation).

Around the Corner will begin its summer schedule (twice a month) beginning with this issue. The next ATC will be published June 21.



NOTE CHANGES - Return to Nature!

The prayer group that has been meeting in the Sunshine Room at **Ripley United Methodist Church** during the winter has returned to the outdoors - **the village gazebo (South State Street & East Main Street)**. The group meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday - all are welcome!

The church is planning to have **Church in the Park** (1 Park Ave.) on **Sunday, June 17**. The church's Kids Konxion and Youth Group will take part in the 11 a.m. service with a picnic to follow. Mark your calendar and bring your lawn chair!



NEW - BPUMC Invites You to a Block Party!

The congregation of **Bemus Point United Methodist Church** is reaching out beyond the walls of their building this summer and invites you to join them for a Block Party on **Sunday, June 24**, in the Bemus Point Village Park.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with food, games, music, face painting and a photo booth. At 6 p.m. Brothers McClurg featuring Edward Chilungu will present a concert in the park.

The Block Party is free and open to everyone. Please download the [attached flyer](#) and help spread the word about this free, fun event!

Course on Charles Wesley Begins Next Week!

A week long, in-depth study of **Charles Wesley's life and thought** taught by the Rev. Dr. John Tyson is being offered **June 11 through June 15** at **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School**, 1100 S. Goodman St., Rochester.

The class will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost for clergy and alumni auditing the class is \$150 and \$300 for others.

Charles "the other Wesley," was a major contributor and shaper of the Wesleyan tradition - in terms of his evangelism, hymns, and the challenges of living a happily married life in the midst of the relentless demands of ministry. This examination Charles' work will be set in the context of his life and times and based on a close reading of important primary and secondary resources. Particular attention will be paid to the on-going relevance of his work for contemporary Christian practitioners in the Wesleyan theological tradition.

Go to the [CRCDS website](#) for more information or contact Dr. Tyson directly, jtyson@crcds.edu.

Coming Soon!

A **Safe Sanctuaries Basic Training** is scheduled **Wednesday, June 20**, at the UNY Conference Center, 7481 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool. A flyer with details may be downloaded [here](#).



Please note: If your church is interested in hosting a training and/or joining with other churches in your area for a training, please call or email the District Office to schedule. The training is three hours in length and is required for all individuals with responsibility for the safety of children, youth, and vulnerable adults including pastors, those responsible for Christian education and youth group leaders.

Cornerstone District Office, 716-665-2423 or cornerstonedistrict@unyumc.org



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!

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.



NEW - Christmas in July (Summer)

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.

Because of the variety and number of mission/outreach efforts that take place in November and December, it's been suggested that churches who wish to participate begin collecting/assembling shoeboxes for Red Bird now. ***We will need a common collection site in the District, preferably a church along the I-90 corridor.*** Please call or email the District office if your church is willing to serve as the site.

In lieu of that, 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 let us know, you can contact the Endwell UMC at 607-754-5735 or Dave Alexander at 607-743-8955.

UPDATE - Summer Camp 2018

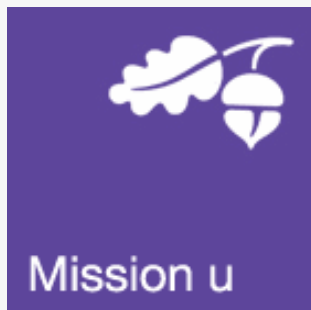
Camping season at Upper New York's camp & retreat centers begins **Sunday, June 24**. Learn more about the camping program by attending one of the following **Day at Camp/Open House** events:

Casowasco, Moravia, NY, **Sunday, June 10**, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Aldersgate, Greig, NY, **Saturday, June 16**, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Asbury, Silver Lake, NY, **Sunday, July 1**, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

And, [click here](#) to read the most recent Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) newsletter!



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



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.

2018-19 Course of Study, Buffalo Extension

The **Buffalo Course of Study Extension** is a program of the United Methodist Church designed to help equip local pastors for ministry.

The summer session of Course of Study, Buffalo, NY Extension School is **August 10-11** and **September 13-14**, 2018. Registration is due by June 11. Tuition is due by June 26.

[Click here](#) to download the 2018-19 COS brochure and [here](#) for the 2018-19 registration form. Questions? Call (716) 875-5091 or e-mail bufcosoffice@gmail.com

New Position at Christ First

Christ First United Methodist Church in Jamestown is seeking a Christ-centered, enthusiastic Christian with experience working with young children (Grades 1-6).

In this part-time position (10 hours per week) the **Children's Minister** will work directly with children, leading a Sunday School class during the 9 a.m. service (beginning Fall 2018) and assist with providing general child care during the 11 a.m. service. The Children's Minister will work directly

with the pastor to develop a vision for an intentional discipleship system for children that fits with Christ First's overall ministry model.

A background check and Safe Sanctuaries training are required.

Interested parties may send a cover letter, resume and references to Christ First UMC, Attn: Youth Ministry, 663 Lakeview Ave., Jamestown, NY, 14701.

Ways to Connect with the UNY Conference

The Conference Communications staff have a number of ways to share information throughout Upper New York. Here are a few of them:

UNY Notes are simple text-based emails that will immediately alert you to important news and events of the Upper New York Conference. UNY Notes are targeted email blasts in nine categories from which to choose: *From the Desk of Bishop Webb, Alerts, Prayer Concerns, Announcements, Missions, Justice, Camp & Retreat, Young People* and *Death Notices*. If you prefer fewer emails, remember that all of the week's UNY Notes are included in the **Weekly Digest**, published on Wednesdays. [Click here](#) to subscribe to UNY Notes and [here](#) to subscribe to Weekly Digest.

You're also encouraged to "like" Upper New York Conference on [Facebook](#). Here you'll find pictures, short videos, questions from fun to serious, the latest news from the Conference and ways to try to engage with our followers. These posts will appear in your news feed along with posts from your other Facebook friends.

You may follow Upper New York on [Instagram](#) to see pictures and short videos from around the Conference. Posts will appear in your news feed along with everyone else you follow on Instagram.

So stay connected and up-to-date with your friends and churches from throughout the Conference!

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