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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.

May 13

The **Camp Street** and **Kennedy First** Churches. **Pastor Jennifer Delahoy**, her husband Brian and their family.

May 20

The **Kidder Memorial** Church. **Rev. Carolyn Stow**, her husband Mark and their family.

May 27

The **Knapp Creek** Church. **Rev. Jerry Piper**, his wife Kathy and their family.

Pray for **Imagine No Racism small group facilitators** who will take part in training on May 19 and May 30.

Pray for the upcoming **2018 Annual Conference Session** May 30 - June 2.

Pray for our **Conference leaders** and the work that will be done.

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



NEW - From the Desk of Bishop Webb

Last week (April 29 - May 4) The United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops met in Chicago. Upper New York Conference Bishop Mark Webb has communicated with us about the Council of Bishops' action on the final report of the Commission on a Way Forward and the results of the votes by all Annual Conferences on the five constitutional amendments that were approved by

the 2016 General Conference.

To read Bishop Webb's letter about the report the Council of Bishops will submit to the special session of the General Conference in February 2019, [click here](#). The Council of Bishops also issued a [press release](#).

Bishop Webb's letter addressing the results of the votes on the constitutional amendments may be found [here](#). To read the press release from the Council, [click here](#).

Community Forum on Addiction Awareness TONIGHT

Christ United Methodist Church, 633 Linwood Ave., Olean, will be the site of an informational forum featuring individuals/agencies on the "front lines" in the fight against the opiate epidemic in New York State from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10**.

Speakers at the forum include **Avi Israel**, president of Save the Michaels of the World, a program he developed after losing his only son, Michael, to addiction; **Rob Kent**, chief counsel for the Office of Counsel and Internal Controls, NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS); and **Michael Prutsman**, executive director of Council on Addiction Recovery Services (CAREs).

A tentative agenda and more information about Save the Michaels of the World are [attached](#). The forum is open to the public.

Monthly Breakfast at Ripley

Ripley United Methodist Church, 84 W. Main St., is hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on **Saturday, May 12**, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, made-to-order eggs and omelets, home fries, biscuits & sausage gravy, orange juice and coffee.

Cost is \$7 per person for all you care to eat and drink. Proceeds will benefit Chautauqua County Hospice and Palliative Care.



Registration Deadline May 14

Registration is now open for "**Gathering of Godly Women**," the Spring Gathering for Cornerstone United Methodist Women.



The gathering will be held on **Saturday, May 19** at Kidder Memorial United Methodist Church, 385 S. Main St., Jamestown. Theme for the day will be "Sacred Encounters with God and Neighbor Through John Wesley's Means of Grace."

The gathering will begin with check-in at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person with a **deadline of May 14**.

Please [click here](#) to download the flyer/registration form or contact Mary Jane Griffith, 716-483-3055 or 716-499-7086.



DON'T FORGET - Facilitator Training

Cornerstone's **Imagine No Racism (INR)** Advocates (The Rev. Carrie Wolfe, Paula Derwick, Pastor John Jackson and the Rev. Carmen Perry) express their thanks to the nine women and men who will serve as facilitators for INR small groups.

As explained at the April 21 launch, all facilitators will participate in training. Curriculum for the small group work will be shared at that time. There are two opportunities for training:

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Christ Community Church, 3474 Stiles Rd., Syracuse. Click on [this link](#) to register by **May 15**.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Onondaga Community College (SRC Arena, site for Annual Conference), 4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. Click on [this link](#) to register by **May 25**.

Celebrate United Methodist Heritage Sunday on May 20!

NEW - Appointment Announcement

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb has announced the following appointments, pending approval at the 2018 Clergy Session. View the full list of changes [here](#).

Charles G. Smith is appointed as a full elder to **East Randolph UMC** effective July 1, 2018. He is coming from Cortland First UMC in the Finger Lakes District.

Grace Warren is appointed as a full time local pastor to **Mexico: First UMC** (Crossroads District) effective July 1, 2018.

Bishop Webb announces the following retirement pending approval at the 2018 Clergy Session:

Nancy Preston, part-time local pastor (**Machias UMC**) effective July 1, 2018

Wondering how clergy appointments are made? [Click here](#) to read about the process!

Right Start Workshops Scheduled

Because healthy moves are important for the life of the church, clergy and their families, "**The Right Start: Beginning Ministry in a New Setting**" workshops have been scheduled at six locations across the Upper New York Conference.



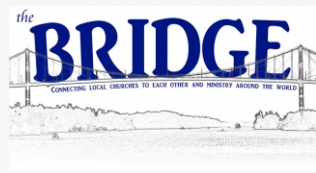
Cornerstone and Niagara Frontier will hold a workshop from **9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 22**, at First United Methodist Church, 474 E. Main Street in Springville.

Attendance at the workshop is **mandatory for all full-time clergy who are moving to a new appointment, retirement or extension ministry**. Less than full-time clergy are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please register online through the following link:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=eroqakuab&oeidk=a07ef391m4pd449928b>

Questions may be directed to Sherri by phone (716-665-2423) or email (sherrirood@unyumc.org).

[Click here to view the May 2018 issue of the Media Resource Center newsletter.](#)



The **May Issue I** copy of the **Bridge** is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. [Click here](#) to select the version you prefer and make copies as necessary.

This issue features what took place at the Imagine No Racism launch day and the Upper New York youth's OUTWARD! retreat. This issue also introduces the Methodist experts, Goldy and McCoy, fish that reside in the pond at the United Methodist Center in Liverpool.



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.

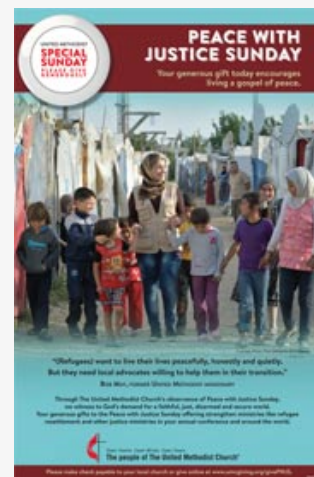
A background check and Safe Sanctuaries training are required.

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

Special Sunday May 27

On May 27 United Methodists observe **Peace with Justice Sunday**, the fourth of six Special Sundays in 2018.

Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. To download resources (videos, slide shows, posters, bulletin inserts) go to www.umcgiving.org/DownloadPWJS



Get ready for Annual Conference by watching the new [2018 Pre-Conference video!](#)

NEW - Another Volunteer Opportunity at Annual Conference

The **Accessibility Committee** is in need of volunteers! If you are willing to be an extra set of hands to help at one or more of the lunch/supper meals we could use the help.

You will have to have a brief training before the meal time, and read a brief article on accessibility etiquette so that we can be God's love to our sisters and brothers while respecting their independence.

Please contact Cher McCotter at cherMcCotter@moldeddevices.com if you have some time to assist.

NEW - Mission Project Offered Prior to AC

Are you arriving in Syracuse by Wednesday, May 30, for Annual Conference? If so, there's an opportunity to help with a mission project at **Upper New York (UNY)'s Mission Central HUB**, located at the United Methodist Center at 7481 Henry Clay Blvd in Liverpool, NY.

From **1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 30**, you can come to the United Methodist Center in Liverpool and work in the Center for Mission Engagement HUB on UMCOR Health, Cleaning, and School kits. There are one-hour volunteer slots available beginning at 1 p.m. Materials will be ready and volunteers available to teach the assembly process if needed.

Mike Block, UNUY Director of Missional Engagement said, "The goal of 2,500 kits for the day can be achieved with everyone's corporation and efforts."

For details about the May 30 project, [click here](#). If you'd like to volunteer, [click here](#).

Intensive Course on Charles Wesley at CRCDS

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.



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:

Sky Lake, Windsor, NY, **Sunday May 20**, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Skye Farm, Warrensburg, NY,

Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

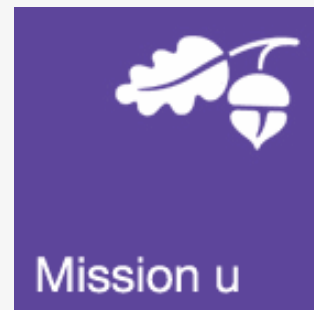
And, [click here](#) to read the most recent Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) newsletter!

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.

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 - Cornerstone's 2018 Equalization Members to AC

Many thanks to the women, men and youth who will be serving as Equalization Members to the 9th session of the Upper New York Annual Conference, May 30 - June 2.

Katie Allen

Will Allen

John Dedloff

Robert Ebert

Cassandra Hurd

Carl Isler

Darlene Meeder

Trish Mileham

William Rounds

Matthew Slaven

Kristian Snyder

Zachary Stahlsmith

Luke Stephenson

Bernadette Tessey

Jasmine Treacle

Rick Turnquist

Ernest Warren

Gary Wilder

Frank Wilson

Gabriella Wilson

Charles Wittenbrook

Maxwell Wolfe

The Laity & Annual Conference: What's My Job?

Lay leaders and **lay members** to Annual Conference who engage in mission and ministry as part of a disciple-making movement have significant impact on the vitality of the local church as they partner together with their clergy leadership. [View](#) a 60-minute webinar from Discipleship Ministries to hear a discussion around these roles related to the overall mission of the church.



AC Journal Volume 1 Now Available

The **2018 Upper New York Conference Journal, Vol. I** is now available for download as a free PDF and for purchase through online publisher Lulu.com. [Click here](#) for a link to download the PDF; [click here](#) to purchase it for \$6.20 (plus shipping and applicable sales tax) from Lulu.com.

PLEASE NOTE - May I Be Excused?

Life happens. Situations arise. Plans change.

If you are your church's Lay Delegate, a member of the clergy or an Equalization Member to Annual Conference and find that you are unable to attend all or part of the 2018 session, you must **request to be excused**. An [online form](#) has been created which will direct your request to Bishop Webb.

If you already have submitted a written request to be excused you do not need to submit a request online. Please call or email the District Office if you have any questions.



Free Resources from Discipleship Ministries:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/about/resource-booklets>

Archived Webinars

Perhaps you missed the webinar for your leadership area or you want to share it with the team; webinars are archived for future usage. Identify the webinar, click the link, enter the requested information, and the webinar will be immediately available for individuals to view or share during a meeting, program, or training event.

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/archived-webinars>

NEW - UNY AC2018 App Now Available

Are you attending the Upper New York (UNY) Annual Conference at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse, taking place May 30-June 2? If so, we have exciting news for you! The **UNY Annual Conference 2018 event app** is now available for you to download on your mobile device.

This app is available for **all who have registered and paid their Annual Conference registration in full**. Currently, there are schedules and documents related to Annual Conference, such as the Annual Conference Guide, worship booklets, speaker bios, menus, etc. available for you to browse. Once you are at Annual Conference, you can use the app to quickly check-in and the app will be updated daily with videos, articles, and any potential changes in the schedule.

[Click here](#) for more details and instructions on how to download the app.

Free Health Screening at AC

Wespath Benefits and Investments and The Center for Health has again teamed up with Quest

Diagnostics to offer **Blueprint for Wellness**, a free health screening program for eligible participants in the Upper New York Conference.



Quest Diagnostics will be at the Upper New York Annual Conference event at Onondaga Community College (SRC Arena/Allyn Hall Room A182), on **Thursday, May 31** and **Friday, June 1** from **6 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Pre-Registration is strongly recommended; register for an appointment between now and May 18. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Rev. Keith Boyette at REUNY Breakfast

The **Renewal and Evangelism in Upper NY** Team invites you to come have breakfast together during the Upper New York Annual Conference on **Friday, June 1**. The purpose of this breakfast gathering is for conservative pastors and lay people in UNY to network and hear encouraging words from Rev. Keith Boyette, President of the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

Breakfast will be held in the Lafayette Ballroom in the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 701 E. Genesee St. in Syracuse beginning at **6:30 a.m.** The program, which is free and open to all, is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m.

Please reserve your place at the table by sending a check for \$20, made payable to REUNY, to Stan Scoville, 8999 Jackson Hill Rd, Cuba, NY, 14727, or contact Stan at 585-307-9865 or stanscoville@gmail.com. **Reservations are due by Sunday, May 27.**

UPDATE - The 9th Session of the Upper New York Annual Conference May 30 - June 2, 2018

This year, the Annual Conference is at the **SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College** (OCC). GPS address is: 4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY, 13215. Comprehensive directions from multiple locations can be found here:

<http://www.wunyocc.edu/index.aspx?menu=807&id=1817>

Registration for Annual Conference closed April 29. The next opportunity to register will be at the Annual Conference registration table. All on-site registrations at the Annual Conference Session are increased by \$50 (same as previous years).

Please click on the following links to learn more about a specific topic:

[Shuttle service, driving and parking](#)

[SRC Arena layout](#)

[Agenda](#)

[Clergy & Laity Sessions](#)

UNY Annual Conference app

[Worship](#)

Meals

All meals will be buffet style with the exception of special banquets. New this year is a **Continental-style breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday**, welcoming guests as they arrive. [Click here](#) to learn more about the meal service and what's to eat around OCC; [click here](#) to view the lunch and dinner menu May 31-June 2. [Click here](#) to view the Wholery Grounds menu at the ROAD, a coffee house and New Faith community at 4845 W. Seneca Turnpike.

[Special Meals](#)

[Childcare](#)

[Special Offerings](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



Transformation Through Christ

The **United Methodist Men of the Upper New York Conference** are issuing a Conference-wide invitation to a retreat **September 7 & 8** at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Windsor, NY.

Transformation Through Christ: Turn 180 degrees is the theme for the retreat, 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. Bishop Mark Webb and Rev. Mark Kimpland also will be speaking at the retreat.

The retreat is open to women, men and children of all ages. For more information, call or email Sanjay Solomon, (937) 626-5247 or sanjsol@aol.com.

Clean-Sober-Saved at Cherry Creek

Addicted persons and their families and friends are invited to attend **Clean-Sober-Saved**, a 12-step program based on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Cherry Creek-Leon United Methodist Church, 6713 Main St., is hosting a programs for those addicted and one for friends and family. Both are held at **6 p.m. on Mondays**.

These programs are open to the community. If you have questions, please call Percy, 716-378-5084.

Celebrating 50 Years!

The United Methodist Church was officially formed on **April 23, 1968** with the unification of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical Brethren Church, along with the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction, a segregated group of African American congregations.



Fifty years ago, 1,300 delegates and 10,000 visitors met in Dallas, Texas on April 23, 1968 to celebrate the formation of the newly-constituted United Methodist Church. This merger of 10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of the EUB Church resulted in one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world. Flags from fifty-three countries testified to the breadth of the new reality.

As we celebrate this anniversary throughout 2018, especially around **Heritage Sunday** on **May 20**, use this link (www.umcom.org/umc50) for access to the latest resources to help your congregation remember this important anniversary of our church.

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