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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 19

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

May 26

The **Laona Emmanuel** Church. **Pastor Michael Spell**, his wife Jaimee and their family.

June 2

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

Please keep the family of the **Rev. Sandra Lasher** (retired) in your prayers. Rev. Lasher, 76, died on May 7. Rev. Lasher served several Upper New York churches, including Marilla, Belmont, Scio, and others. The funeral will be held May 25 beginning at 10 a.m. at Olean Trinity UMC, 131 N. 9th Street in Olean. Click [here](#) to read Rev. Lasher's full obituary.

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

NEW - "New Places for New People"

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop, Mark J. Webb and Rev. David Masland, the Director of



New Faith Communities, are offering the opportunity for individual clergy and laity, as well as every United Methodist Church in Upper NY to become a "New Places for New People" Partner.

Click [here](#) to read more about Upper New York New Faith Communities' success and why this campaign is needed to introduce more people to God.

NEW - Into to Annual Conference Video

The Upper New York Annual Conference scheduled June 5-8, 2019, is only three weeks away! Are you ready? Click [here](#) to watch a video of Conference Lay Leader, Susan Hardy, and Lucina Hallagan, Conference Lay Servant Director, as they walk you through what to expect at the 2019 UNY Annual Conference.



If you missed the May 3 deadline, the next opportunity to register will be **on site** at the OnCenter with an **additional \$50 fee**.

Looking for **more information** about the 10th session of the Upper New York Annual Conference? **General information** as well as information about **volunteer opportunities** and **other events** taking place during Annual Conference, click [here](#).

NEW - 2020 Delegate Applicants

At the 2019 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference, members will **elect delegates** to the **2020 General Conference** in Minneapolis, MN (May 5-15, 2020) and the **2020 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference** in Hunt Valley, MD (July 13-17, 2020).

You may [view](#) all the UNY Conference lay and clergy members who have expressed a desire to serve as delegates and meet the requirements, keeping in mind that all clergy members are able to be elected unless they designated that they do not want to serve as a delegate and lay people can put their names on the ballot at any time.



NEW - 2019 Denman Award Winners

The **Harry Denman Evangelism Award** honors United Methodists who bring people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Each year, the Upper New York Conference works with

the Foundation for Evangelism to recognize and honor one lay and clergy member for their commitment to consistently introducing others to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

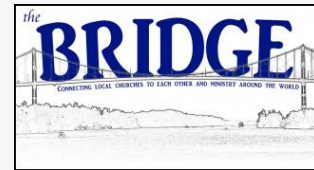
The **laity recipient** of the 2019 Harry Denman Evangelism Award is the Upper New York Conference's Director of Missional Engagement, **Mike Block**.

The **clergy recipient** of the 2019 Harry Denman Evangelism Award is the **Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II**, pastor at Asbury First UMC in the Genesee Valley District.

Congratulations to these recipients! Click [here](#) to read more.

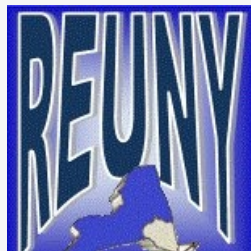
NEW - Make Copies of the *Bridge*!

The **May issue II** 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 focuses on ways to **celebrate Pentecost at home** and also informs readers about the meaning of **Peace with Justice Sunday**.

Click [here](#) for the May 2019 issue of the Media Resource Center newsletter!



NEW - Breakfast at Annual Conference

The **Renewal and Evangelism in Upper New York** team invites you to come share an inspiring breakfast with Dr. David Watson on **Friday, June 7**, in the Lafayette Ballroom of the **Syracuse Crown Plaza Hotel**, 701 E. Genesee St.

Breakfast will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the program scheduled from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. There is no charge to attend the program at 7 a.m.

Dr. Watson, an author and professor and academic dean at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, will share his observations from the Special Session of General Conference 2019. An ordained elder in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, his most recent book is Scripture and the Life of God: Why the Bible Matters Today More Than Ever.

Reservations and advance payment for the breakfast (\$20) are required. Please send checks, made payable to "REUNY," to Rev. Stan Scoville, 8999 Jackson Hill Rd., Cuba, NY, 14727. **Checks must be received by June 1.** Questions? Call Rev. Rick LaDue, 716-969-0432.

NEW - Reserve a Table for Your Affinity Group

Upper New York United Methodists are linked together in all sorts of **affinity groups** (Conference and District teams, unofficial organizations, covenant groups, etc.). During lunch on site **Thursday, June 6** (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), tables may be reserved by these groups to gather for a shared meal and conversation. The entire conference dines in a common cafeteria; as such, it is not an ideal space, but does provide an opportunity to network, inform, and encourage one another.

If you would like to gather your group, you would be very welcome to

take advantage of this opportunity. Meals are included with conference registration, so only those registered can participate. To reserve tables for your gathering, please contact [Judy Campany](#) by **May 24** to indicate the number of expected so we can determine the number of tables to set aside for you.

Celebrate Our Homes & Families

On the United Methodist calendar, May is designated as **Christian Home Month**. Discipleship Ministries offers many resources to help families on their spiritual journeys, including [this prayer](#) for families written by MaryJane Pierce Norton.

You are invited to view this video meditation, share the link with others and download the video for use in worship, Sunday school or other settings.

Children's Spring Fling

All children and youth in the **Cherry Creek-Leon United Methodist Church neighborhood** (6813 Main St.) are invited to a **May Kids' Night** on **Friday, May 17**.



A variety of activities are planned and dinner will be served. The event is scheduled from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the church. Questions? Please call Pattie, 716-338-8429 or 716-296-1016.



Important Dates For Your Calendar!

May 19

Heritage Sunday

This year's approach to Heritage Sunday is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women and is themed "Bold Faith, Audacious Women."

<http://www.gcah.org/resources/heritage-sunday-2019>

May 23

Right Start Workshop for Pastors changing appointments and Retirees
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Springville 1st United Methodist Church

May 27

Memorial Day - District Office Closed

June 5-8

Upper New York Annual Conference

The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY (Click [here](#) for agenda)

(District Office will not be staffed during Annual Conference)

June 16

Peace with Justice Sunday

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/peace-with-justice-sunday>

NEW - Bishop Webb Announces Clergy Appointments

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb and the Upper New York Conference announce **two ad interim appointments, 11 new appointments, and three retirements**, pending approval at the 2019 Clergy Session. View the full list of changes [here](#).



NEW - Monthly Breakfast at Ripley

A hearty breakfast (pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, home fries) awaits you at **Ripley United Methodist Church**, 84 W. Main St., on **Saturday, June 8.**

All you can eat & drink for \$7. Food is served from **7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Proceeds will benefit the South Ripley Cemetery Association.



Camp and Retreat Opportunities at UNY Camps

Click [here](#) for the **Open House** schedule at Upper New York's camp & retreat centers. A number of staff positions are available at all sites; click [here](#) for the **UNYCRM Staff Recruitment** poster.

Please review the **UPDATED** schedule (additions/changes in **bold type**) below to see the variety of retreats that are available throughout our conference. To learn more, click on www.campsandretreats.org.

May - October, Family Campground (families & adults), Sky Lake

May 24-27, Spring Fling Family Weekend (families & adults), Sky Lake

May 28-31, Lifeguard Training (ages 16+), Casowasco

July 2-4, Together Time: A Family Retreat (families & adults), Asbury

July 12-14, Family Life Weekend (families & adults), Aldersgate

July 14-18, Reach Out: Community Mission Experience (youth & adults), Asbury

July 21-24, Asbury Express I & II (ages 7-9, 10-12), Asbury

August 4-7, Asbury Express III (ages 13-18), Asbury

August 8-11, Silver Lake Experience (families & adults), Asbury

August 10-13, Intergenerational Camp (families & adults), Sky Lake

August 11-14, Father-Son Adventure (adults & children), Casowasco

August 11-14, Mother-Daughter Adventure (adults & children), Casowasco

August 11-14, Family Camp (families & adults), Casowasco

August 18-20, Lakeside Escape: Women's Retreat (women), Asbury

August 30-September 2, Labor Day Family Weekend (families & adults), Casowasco

September 6-7, Adirondack Fishing Men's Retreat (men), Skye Farm

September 19-22, Quilt By Faith: Fall Retreat (women), Casowasco

September 20-21, Paint & Sweets Women's Retreat (women), Skye Farm

October 11-13, Ladies of the Lake (women), Sky Lake

October 25-27, Craft & Quilt Retreat (women), Asbury

December 6-8, Be Still [a silent retreat] (adults), Casowasco

December 30-January 1, Camp Echo (ages 7-18), Casowasco

Summer Camp Chaplain Opportunity

Elk Lick Scout Reserve, a Boy Scouts of America camp serving youth in Allegheny, Cattaraugus & Chautauqua Counties in New York and McKean & Potter Counties in Pennsylvania, is looking for a Seasonal Camp Chaplain (July 1 through August 7). The camp is located at 2420 Bordell Rd. in Smethport, PA. Click [here](#) to download a job description and other details or go to www.elklick.org and click on Employment/Chaplain.



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