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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 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.

### June 3

The **Laona Emmanuel** Church. **Pastor Mike Spell**, his wife Jaimee 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.

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**From the Desk of Bishop Webb**



The United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops met in Chicago April 29 - May 4. 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](#).



### **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**.

### **NEW - 2018 Annual Conference Guide**

Are you attending the 2018 Annual Conference May 30-June 2 at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse? The 2018 Annual Conference Guide showcases everything you need to know from offerings to meals and area restaurants.

This guide will also be available on the new Annual Conference event [app](#). Click [here](#) to download the guide.

**Celebrate  
United Methodist Heritage Sunday  
on May 20!**

**[Click here](#) to test your knowledge of the first 50  
years of The United Methodist Church.**

## UPDATED - 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](#).

**Dena Stevens** is appointed as a full elder to Arkport and Bishopville UMCs (Mountain View District) effective July 1, 2018

**Lawrence Russell** is appointed as a part time local pastor to Sandy Creek and Orwell UMCs (Northern Flow District) effective July 1, 2018.

**Nancy Russell** is appointed as a full time local pastor to Mannsville and Lorraine UMCs (Northern Flow District) effective July 1, 2018.

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

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### Workshops for Clergy Who Are Moving

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>

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

### NEW - Class of 2018 Clergy Retirees

Congratulations to the **more than 30 Upper New York clergy members who are retiring** - they will be recognized at the 2018 UNY Annual Conference.

Be sure to thank them for their service and commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. [Click here](#) to see a list of the retirees and to watch their farewell messages upon retirement.

### NEW - Communication at Annual Conference

Annual Conference will take place May 30-June 2 this year at Onondaga Community College's SRC Arena in Syracuse. The Upper New York **Communications Ministry** area works around the clock during this event to help keep everyone informed about what took place during all worship services and all plenary sessions.

[Click here](#) to learn about articles, videos, and notes that will be available for you on the Conference website, on the new app, as well as limited printed copies of notes.

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### **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](mailto:chermccotter@moldeddevices.com) if you have some time to assist.

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### **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.

### **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](#).

### 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.

### 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*

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



### NEW - Training Announcement

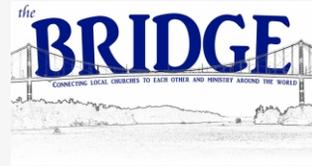
A **Safe Sanctuaries Basic Training** is scheduled **Wednesday, June 20**, at the UNY Conference Center, 7481 Henry Clay Blvd., Liverpool. A flyer with details may be downloaded [here](#).

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](mailto:cornerstonedistrict@unyumc.org)

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The **May Issue II** 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 Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb's letter about the Commission on a Way Forward's meeting with the Council of Bishops this month and the recommendation that will be sent to the special session of General Conference to be held in St. Louis, MO in February of 2019. This issue also includes a heart-felt story about churches and children who have been raising funds in memory of a young boy.

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### **NEW - 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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**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.

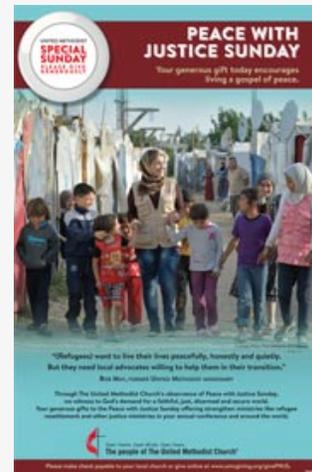
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### Special Sunday May 27

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](http://www.umcgiving.org/DownloadPWJS)



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### 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](http://CRCDS website) for more information or contact Dr. Tyson directly, [jtyson@crcds.edu](mailto: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!

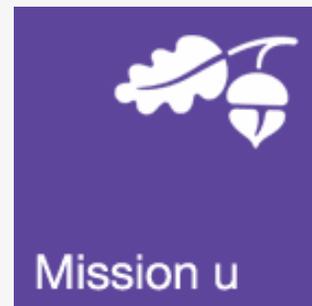
If there are any questions, please contact Camp & Retreat Ministries at (toll free) 855-414-6400 or [info@campsandretreats.org](mailto:info@campsandretreats.org).

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## 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](mailto:vdjphilly@gmail.com) or 585-233-9808.

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## 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](mailto:bufcosoffice@gmail.com)

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### **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](mailto:sanjsol@aol.com).

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