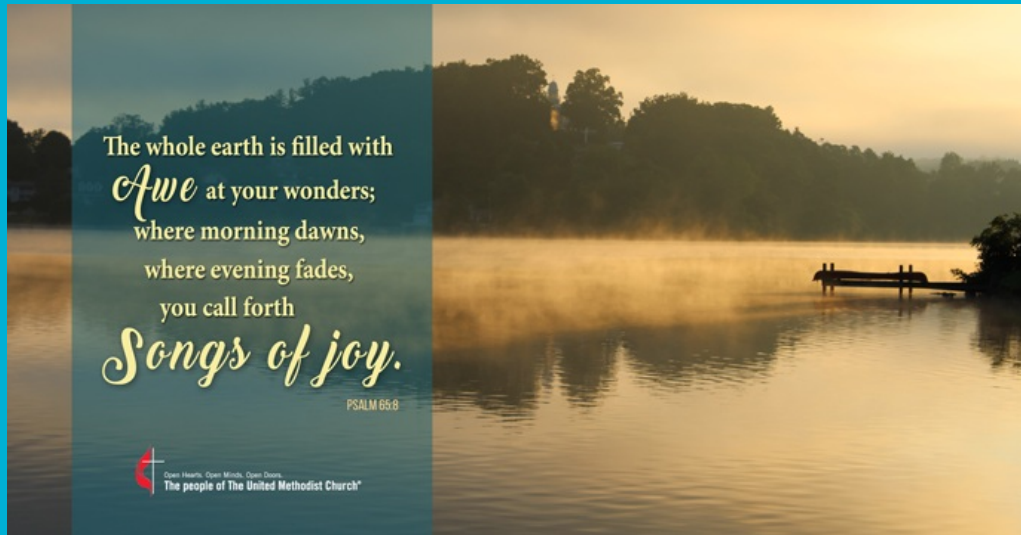


Why just a minute and you're forgetting the Emmanuel? You have expressed an interest in Upper New York Conference. Don't forget to add cornerstonedistrict@unyumc.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.



## 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 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.

### June 9

The **Little Valley** Church. **Pastor Lee Capodagli** and his family.

Please keep the family of **Pastor Roscoe Knapp** in your prayers. Roscoe, 90, died on May 15. He served several Upper New York churches including Frewsburg United, Wheeler Hill and others. Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Debra Knapp at 1517 West 3rd Street, Apt. 11, Jamestown, NY 14701. A Graveside Service was scheduled May 21 at Bear Lake Cemetery in Bear Lake, PA. [Click here](#) to read the full obituary.

Please join in offering **best wishes** and **congratulations** to these members of the Bemus Point United Methodist church family:

**Carolyn Barnes**, director of Traditional Worship, is retiring at the end of May. Carolyn has served as church choir director & organist for almost 12 years. She and her husband Chuck plan to stay in the local community.

**Brandon Hatch**, director of Contemporary Worship & Technical Arts, who has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Master's of Divinity degree at Grand Rapids (MI) Theological Seminary. Brandon and his wife Heidi will be moving to Grand Rapids in August.

**Tim Swauger**, director of Discipleship & Outreach, has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in Missiology at Asbury Theological Seminary. Tim, his wife Aruna and their daughter Megan will be moving to Wilmore, KY, in August.

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 - Drive-Thru BBQ**

The folks at **Little Valley United Methodist Church**, 109 Court St., want to make your Memorial Day picnic planning easier by offering a **Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue** beginning at **11 a.m. Saturday, May 25.**

The meal of 1/2 a chicken, baked beans, potato salad, roll and dessert will be available until the quantity prepared is gone. Cost is \$10 per meal.



**The UNY Conference & Cornerstone District offices  
will be closed Monday, May 27, 2019,  
in observance of Memorial Day.**

**Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, May 28.**

**Have a safe & blessed holiday weekend!**

**NEW - FREE Community Breakfast  
at Napoli United Methodist Church,  
10087 Route 242 in Little Valley.**

**Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
on Saturday, June 1.  
All are welcome!**



## NEW - Tea Time at Magnolia

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**, 3969 Route 394 north of Stow, will host a tea for ladies, young and old, beginning at **2 p.m.** on **Saturday, June 1.**

All are invited to "dress up," especially with hats, fancy or funny, and attend an afternoon of Faith,

Friends and Frills.

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## 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.

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## NEW - Blessing of the Bikes

Calling all bikers! **Panama United Methodist Church**, 22 E. Main St., will be the site of a Blessing of the Bikes on **Sunday, June 9.**

Folks are invited to gather at **12 noon** at the church's picnic pavilion (in the church's community room if the weather is bad) for pulled pork, all the sides, drinks, music, etc. The blessing of bikes and riders will take place at approximately **1:20 p.m.** with kickstands up at **1:30 p.m.** for a ride together.

The event is intended for **motorcycle riders** but all bikes are welcome! Please share this [poster](#) with your riding circles and make plans to attend. If possible, please let Pastor Steve Taylor if you plan to attend to help with planning for the meal: [steven.taylor@panamaumc.org](mailto:steven.taylor@panamaumc.org).

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## UPDATE - "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 watch a video featuring Bishop Webb and Rev. Masland; for handouts, a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and the platform to make a donation online, click [here](#).

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## Intro to Annual Conference Video

The Upper New York Annual Conference scheduled June 5-8, 2019, is only **two 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 - Cornerstone's Equalization Members for 2019**

As we are keeping the Upper New York Annual Conference (June 5-8) in our prayers, please keep in mind those from our District who will be serving as Equalization Members:

#### **Youth/Young Adult**

Emily Allen  
Katie Allen  
Caitlyn Hurd  
Cassandra Hurd  
Ashley Pascoe  
Andrew Post  
Kristian Snyder  
Gabi Wilson  
Max Wolfe

#### **Adult**

Carolyn Barnes  
Cindy Hull  
Paul Kayes  
Brandon Meacham  
William Rounds  
Candy Scarem  
Bernie Tessey  
Rick Turnquist  
Chuck Wittenbrook  
Gary Wilder  
Frank Wilson

We greatly appreciate the willingness of these folks to serve the District in this way.

### **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.

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### **NEW - Please Do Your Homework!**

**Annual Conference** is fast approaching and the **Petitions and Resolutions Committee** would like to make this year's

Conference as informative and helpful as possible.

Click [here](#) to see a list of the **petitions and resolutions that will come before Annual Conference**. They are in the order that they will be introduced to the membership. Contact information is included so that you may contact the writers for more information about their submissions.



Click [here](#) to read petitions and resolutions received in time for publication in the 2019 UNY Conference Journal, Volume I (starting on page 65). Click [here](#) to view resolutions that were not received in time for inclusion in the 2019 UNY Conference Journal, Volume I.

The Petitions and Resolutions Committee would like petitioners and AC attendees to have the **opportunity at Annual Conference to engage in conversation, answer questions, or provide clarification** to the petitions and resolutions that will come before the body during plenary. This will take place near the registration area in the lobby during lunch periods.

Although optional, the Committee believes this may result in increased understanding for the members of Annual Conference before attending plenary. You are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to be fully engaged in the petition process before we come together to vote.



### **NEW - CRCDS Luncheon**

Are you attending Annual Conference and an alum, student, or friend of The **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School**? You are invited to a luncheon! A free lunch will be provided during lunch (approximately 12:15 p.m.) on

**Thursday, June 6**, at the **Everson Museum** (kitty corner to the Oncenter), 401 Harrison St. Please send your RSVP to Debbie Diederich, 585-340-9643 or [ddiederich@crcds.edu](mailto:ddiederich@crcds.edu).

### **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**.

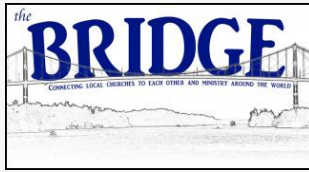
The **clergy recipient** of the 2019 Harry Denman Evangelism Award is the



**Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II**, pastor at Asbury First UMC in the Genesee Valley District.

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

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### **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**.

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### **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.

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.

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### **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.

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## NEW - Prayer for Graduates

**Graduation** marks a major milestone in life, a time when we celebrate accomplishments and transition to another phase. Click [here](#) to view a video that combines images of graduates with the words of a benediction written by the Rev. Jay Moyers. We encourage you to share the link with

individuals or as part of worship or small group time as you offer prayers for those who are completing their schoolwork and dreaming of the future.

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## Important Dates For Your Calendar!

### 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>

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## 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](#).

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## NEW - UNY United Methodist Historical Society to Meet

The **Upper New York United Methodist Historical Society** will meet on **Saturday, June 15** at the **UNY Conference Center** (7481 Henry Clay Blvd.) in Liverpool (click [here](#) to download a flyer). "Early birds" may volunteer in the Conference archives beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Bring your own lunch if eating at the Center.

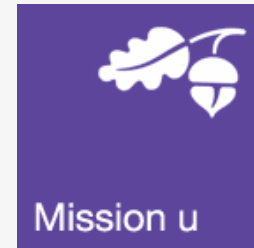
The Society meeting will start about **12:40 p.m.** with a business meeting, followed by a PowerPoint presentation by Nancy Rutenber on UMC Historic Sites connected to Upper New York Conference. Then there will be a ceremony for retiring old Bibles led by the Rev. Jim Barnes II. Bring your worn-out Bibles for recycling or burning. Hard covers and any

metal may need to be removed before any recycling. The meeting is open to all those interested.

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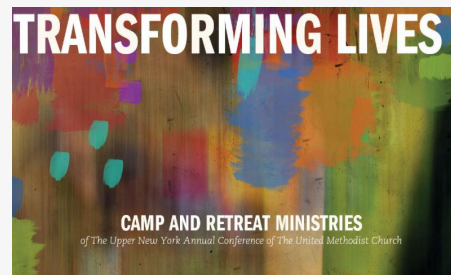
### **NEW - 2019 Mission u**

**Mission u** offers opportunities to study current issues that have an impact on society based on recent mission study topics. Mission u is open to women, men, youth, clergy and laity. You are invited to come to **Asbury Camp & Retreat Center on July 25-27** for this retreat that offer two study groups that all participants attend: *Practicing Resurrection: Gospel of Mark and Discipleship* (spiritual growth) and *What About Our Money? A Faith Response* (social action). Besides the study groups, there is worship & singing, interest groups and fellowship.



Cost includes registration, room and board. Registration deadline is **July 10**. Click [here](#) to download a brochure and for more information.

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### **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](http://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

**NEW - Check Out ResourceUMC!**

**ResourceUMC** is a new site rich with content from around The United Methodist Church - all to provide quick access to the information and inspiration **local church** and **connectional leaders** need to make effective disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

[Here](#) you will find practical and timely resources on specific topics such as worship, stewardship, mission, church administration, specialized ministries and much more. You will also find detailed information on each general agency and other denominational entities such as the Council of Bishops, Connectional Table, General Conference and the ethnic/language national plans. Whether you are looking for ideas for a children's ministry, launching a church website or want to learn about how we celebrate Holy Communion, we want to connect you with the best resources available.

ResourceUMC will continue to grow - it will never be finished! As you explore the site you may find some areas more filled out than others. Watch for more content and new topics in the coming weeks and months. New resources will be added constantly. You can help us fulfill our mission to resource leaders by telling us what would be helpful to you and sending suggestions. Share questions, critiques and ideas by emailing us at [ResourceUMC@umcom.org](mailto:ResourceUMC@umcom.org).



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