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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 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.

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.

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.

On this **Memorial Day**, we offer a prayer of gratitude for all service men and women and for those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Pray for **Imagine No Racism small group facilitators** who will take part

in training on 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.



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.

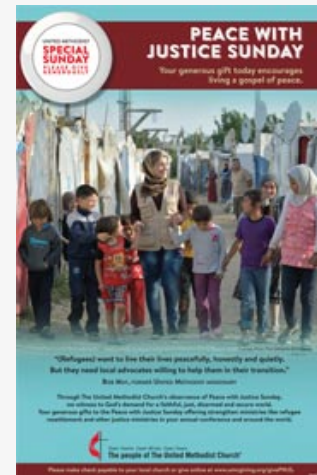
As explained at the April 21 launch, all facilitators will participate in training. Curriculum for the small group work will be shared at that time.

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.

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



NEW - News from the UNY Methodist Historical Society

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.**

In 2016 a web-based resource site was created at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNYUnitedMethodistHistoricalSociety/>. In 2017 the Society began public meetings.

In 2018 a quarterly newsletter, **UNY Historical News & Views** started. Attached is the [Spring issue](#), which includes information about the Historical

Society's upcoming meeting **Saturday, June 16**, at **Clyde United Methodist Church**, 84 Sodus St. in Clyde. The meeting, which is open to the public, is set to begin at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by a lunch hosted by the church (free-will donation).

NEW - Adjusted Office Hours Next Week

Monday, May 28 - CLOSED (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, May 29 - Regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 30 - CLOSED (Staff at Annual Conference)

Thursday, May 31 - CLOSED (Staff at Annual Conference)

Regular office hours - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - will resume Monday, June 4.

NEW - Open Air Service on May 30

If you are interested in gathering with other United Methodists in Syracuse at **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30** before the start of the Upper New York Annual Conference, consider going to **Christ in the City!** This is an open-air service held in Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse, sponsored by the Syracuse United Methodist Churches.

Expect a nice get-together for worship and fellowship.

NEW - What Else You Need to Know About Annual Conference

Every week for the past few months, [articles have been published](#) about specific Annual Conference details that you need to know about. Now, with being just over a week away from Annual Conference, we have a few more details to share with you including livestreaming, seating, the app, registration closing times, and more. [Click here](#) to read these last-minute details.



REMINDER - Bow Tie Day at AC

Bow Tie Day has become a tradition on Friday at the Upper New York Annual Conference. On that day, all are encouraged to wear a bow tie as a way to express a spirit of fun and joy. In 2017, hats were added to the mix. So, as you pack your suitcase, remember to include your favorite bow tie (or scarf) or hat...or both, and join in the fun!

UPDATE - Communication at Annual Conference

Because the **Upper New York Conference Communications Ministry Area** will focus on telling the story of the 2018 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference through daily updates on our website, our Facebook page, and our @UMethodfish Twitter feed, publications will have altered schedules in the time surrounding Annual Conference session.

There will be no Weekly Digest published the week of May 27 and June 3. There also will not be an issue of the **Bridge** prior to the first Sunday in June. The regular publication schedule will resume the week of June 11.

NEW - More Schedule Changes

The Upper New York United Methodist Center, which includes the Upper New York Conference, the Crossroads District office, and the Episcopal office, will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. All offices also will be closed on Thursday and Friday, May 31 and June 1, during the UNY Annual Conference as well as Monday, June 4, following Annual Conference.

The Media Resource Center will be closed on May 24 and 25 while Karen Campolieto, Media Resource Coordinator, is on vacation. The Center also will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. The Media Resource Center will be open on Tuesday, May 29, but closed May 30 - June 4. All orders that come in during that time will be filled on June 6.

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.

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.

Around the Corner will begin its summer schedule (published twice a month) beginning Thursday, June 7.

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](#).

NEW - 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 gazebo in the center of Ripley (1 Park Ave.). The group meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday - all are welcome!



The church is planning to have **Church in the Park** 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!



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*

*Zachary Stahlsmith
Luke Stephenson
Bernadette Tessey
Jasmine Treacle
Rick Turnquist
Ernest Warren
Gary Wilder
Frank Wilson
Gabriella Wilson*

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

NEW - 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.

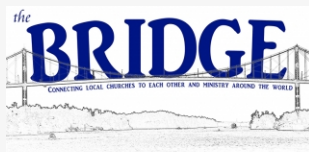


Training Announcement

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



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.

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!



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.

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:

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.

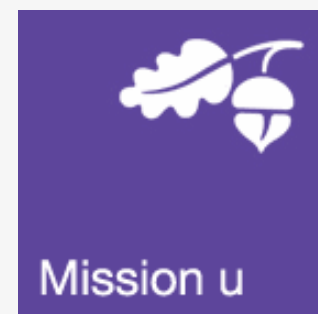
And, [click here](#) to read the most recent Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) newsletter!

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.

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



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.

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