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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.

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.

June 17

The **Machias** Church. **Pastor Nancy Preston**, her husband Richard and their family.

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.

Pray for the **2018 Annual Conference Session**, meeting through Saturday, 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.

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).

UPDATE - Adjusted Office Hours

The Cornerstone District Office is closed TODAY (May 31) because of Annual Conference. Regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will resume Monday, June 4.

NEW - Almost Like Being There!

If you are unable to attend **Annual Conference** - no worries! You can watch all the services and plenaries through the Annual Conference livestream. Simply go to our website, www.unyumc.org and on the front page, you will see a link to the livestream of Annual Conference beginning with the laity session on Wednesday, May 30 and ending with the ordination service on Saturday, June 2.



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!

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.

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 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 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.

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

NOTE CHANGES - 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 village gazebo (South State Street & East Main Street). The group meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday - all are welcome!



The church is planning to have **Church in the Park** (1 Park Ave.) 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!

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





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

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!

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.

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).

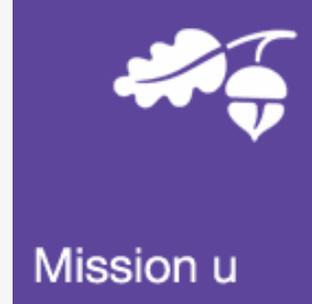
In this part-time position (10 hours per week) the **Children's Minister** will work directly with children, leading a Sunday School class during the 9 a.m. service (beginning Fall 2018) and assist with providing general child care during the 11 a.m. service. The Children's Minister will work directly 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.

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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