

## From The District Christian Education Coordinator

Remember the old Sunday School poem where you put your hands together with your fingers inside and recite:

Here is the church

Here is the steeple

Open the doors and see all the people - now as you try that and see all the people say "Open the doors and all the people are in your hands". Saturday, 81 folks came together at Clifton Springs UMC to represent 39 churches in our conference to work on making disciples for Christ and meeting the needs of people where they are at. Rev Bob Pierson spoke to us about being the church and leading folks into the love of God. We need to live the great commission. It is not an option it is a mandate.

20 of these folks will come back together on May 1st at 9:30 at Clifton Springs to have Rev Sung Ho Lee help us to see where we are at with our churches in this process and to help us be more intentional about it.

Lorrie Spence  
CSUMC Ministries Coordinator

## From The District Lay Speaking Ministries Team

Our District Lay Speaking Team is involved in a very busy year. Having just finished one course, we have three in progress and are planning three for later in the spring.

### We recently completed:

- **Faithful Leadership (Advanced)** – Clifton Springs UMC, Jan 17, 24 and 31 – 2:00 – 5:30; PM - Rev. Lynn Spence (34 attended)

### In Progress:

- **Basic** – Horseheads UMC, 6 Sunday afternoons starting 2/21 - Rev. Mark Flandreau and CLS Vida Johnson (13 attending)
- **Caregiver's Course (Advanced)** – Palmyra UMC, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 8 & 15 - Rev. Marilyn Wood (9 attending)
- **Basic** – Seneca Castle UMC, Sunday Afternoons in March, Rev Babs Steinert and Donna Crouse (8 attending)

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## Planned for later this spring:

- **Evangelism Workshop (Advanced)** - Clifton Springs, April 10, 2010 - This is a special opportunity with the second session on a Saturday in May led by Rev. Sung Ho Lee
- **John Wesley and Our United Methodist Heritage (Advanced)** - Horseheads UMC, 5 Thursday evenings starting April 29 - Rev. Fred Kelsey and Art Thompson
- **Social Principles (Advanced)** - Horseheads UMC, 5 Thursday evenings starting April 29 - Rev. Bev Davenport

More information, brochures and registration forms are available from Vida Johnson (607-962-7048) and Lorrie Spence ([revspence@juno.com](mailto:revspence@juno.com)). Please review them and (even if you're not interested in becoming a Certified Lay Speaker), if the course sounds helpful, please sign up and join us.

Art Thompson ([athompso@stny.rr.com](mailto:athompso@stny.rr.com))  
Finger Lakes District  
Lay Speaking Ministries Team

## From The District Lay Leader

I offer Easter blessings to all of you, what a wonderful and joyous time of the year. As the District Lay Leader I was very encouraged and proud by the amount of people that attended the District Day training on the new conference. I encourage you all to continue to be involved, know what is going on in your district and conference. This district has a wonderful training team where many opportunities are available to its laity. As a follow-up to earlier e-mails that many of you may have received I am requesting that Laity celebration bios be sent to me by May 1<sup>st</sup>. I realize that this is much earlier than before but I assure you that we are attempting to make this celebration bigger and better than ever. Currently there is no date set for the celebration, but again it will be held in Watkins Glen at the Community Center. More details will follow as soon as they become set. It's an exciting event where we all have an opportunity to recognize an individual or ministry within your church. Last year you recognized 48 individuals or ministries, that is just over half of our district churches, I am certain that there are individuals in the other churches that are deserving. On another note, I have requested multiple times the basic information: Lay Leader, SPRC Chair and Ad Board Chair, name, address and e-mail, at this point I have information from twenty nine churches, please help me out with this information. In closing, I offer to you my thanks for all that you all do to make our churches in the district such successes.

Your brother in Christ,  
Mike Kelly

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## From The United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women: The women have had two wonderful events this winter – *Enrichment Day* and *Day Apart*. Our next event will be: **SPRING DISTRICT DINNER** on Tuesday, May 11, at Club 86 in Geneva. Our theme is: *LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A CELEBRATION*. We will meet at 5:30pm. for registration, 6:00pm - dinner time. Cost of the dinner is \$20.00. To register, contact Cindy Ellis, (607)739-5185 by April 18. We will be celebrating the Reading Program, Special Mission Recognition recipients, Mission Today Units, Five Star Units and Honorable Mention Units. We will have singing, balloons, etc. You are invited to join in this Great Celebration Party.

## From The Local Churches

### Oakwood United Methodist Church

212 Oakwood Avenue, Elmira Heights

#### April 24 Youth Event: World Malaria Day – sleep-out to end Malaria

Oakwood Methodist invite neighbor youth age 10-15 to join with them as part of a nationwide Methodist effort to demonstrate our commitment to the fight against malaria.

Every thirty seconds a child dies in Africa of malaria. Untreated, malaria cause flu-like symptoms: high fever, chills, vomiting, severe headaches, and frequently, convulsions, organ failure and death. Malaria is caused by a parasite carried by a tiny mosquito. Through Prevention, Education, Communication, and Treatment the needless suffering and death of children around the globe as a result of malaria can be stopped. No Malaria is a ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. Just as the cross is a sign to us of God's love, we are called to be a sign of God's love and commitment to the world.

On Saturday night April 24 our youth will camp out in tents and homemade cardboard shelters on the side lawn of the church from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sunday morning. Games, entertainment, snacks and adult supervision will be provided. We will also have a candlelight prayer vigil for the young victims of malaria in Africa. Each of the Methodist Oakwood youth will be asked to raise \$50 from local individuals and merchants to sponsor their over-night sleep-out. All monies collected will go toward purchasing special insecticide impregnated mosquito nets to be delivered to children and their families throughout the mosquito prevalent areas of Africa.

Any youth interested in participating in this event may call the Church Office at 732-6042 for further information.

Registration forms are available for School of Christian Mission, July 16-18, at Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY. Theme: *Faith – Hope - Love in Action*. Contact Cindy Ellis for further information.

Grace United Methodist Church  
191 Bridge Street, Corning  
*presents*



# Blooming Desserts

Friday, April 30, 2010

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Select an elegant dessert for

**\$3.00 per serving**

enjoy it there or take it out



Each \$3.00 ticket allows  
you to choose one slice of  
an elegant, homemade  
dessert.

Tickets will be available at the door,

from the **Grace Church Office**, (607) 936-6145,  
OR, from **Joyce Hallenbeck** 936-4886



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