

## **A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**January-February 2016**

Greetings to all the Upper New York Methodist Men & Women! Winter has arrived finally!! The weather is snowy and icy just like it should be in January!! . It is a new year and all of us are trying to make the needed changes to be healthier, more organized, productive, etc. ., etc. etc. These changes known as Resolutions (by definition: "A firm decision to do something") will supposedly help us live better and feel better.

My prayer for the Upper New York Conference United Methodist Church, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women is that we will work together this coming year to reach others for Jesus Christ as we are led daily by the Holy Spirit.,!! Let us all continue to put God first by serving Him fully with our gifts, talents and time.

**OUR "FAITH IN ACTION" IS WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO LEAD OTHERS TO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

Give God the glory for the changes and growth that have occurred in Methodist Men's ministry this past year!! We together have learned that loving others frequently (in God's name) takes sacrifice. It requires that we put others first, doing what benefits them, not just us.

*"Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it.."* 2- Corinthians 13:5

### **ACROSS THE CONFERENCE:**

**It is my pleasure to welcome our newest UNYUMM Conference and District leaders to Methodist Men of Upper New York. We Welcome them with open arms and will pray for God to lead them as they lead us. Congratulations to our newest Executive Board members Former Wyoming Conference President Jack Shay ,member at-Large Gene Snyder and to Finger Lakes District Vice President Jim Kahn (Auburn UMC), Binghamton District Vice President Dave Barnes (Green UMC) , Niagara Frontier District Prayer Advocate Jim McMoil (Medina UMC), Mohawk District Prayer Advocate Jim Aust (Delta UMC) They will be officially installed and prayed over at our next UNYUMM Executive Board meeting being held at Endicott 1<sup>st</sup> UMC on February 6<sup>th</sup> , Methodist men in the Binghamton and Oneonta Districts please join us for breakfast and fellowship at 8am. Come meet all the leaders of the UNYUMM and say hello. "Together we will all continue to grow in Christ, so others will know Him."**

# **GOD IS MOVING!! ...MARK YOUR CALANDERS**

## **SKY LAKE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

**501 William Law Road**

**Windsor , NY 13865**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Conference Christian Men (13 yrs. and up) Retreat**

**“GIVING GOD YOUR ALL”**

**Friday 4pm--Saturday 2pm**

**Hosted by the ONEONTA/BINGHAMTON DISTRICT United Methodist Men**

**Keynote speaker: (FORMER HARVARD/SEATTLE SEAHAWK LINEBACKER)**

***ISAIAH KACYVENSKI***

**FEATURING .....**

***THE MARK BOLOS PRAISE BAND***

**For registration /questions**

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### **ACROSS THE DISTRICTS:**

**On January 7<sup>th</sup> we will be given the opportunity to meet and fellowship with our newest Apalachin Area UMM charter for breakfast in the Binghamton District. Thank you; Apalachin Area UMM President John Calkins, for stepping out in faith, to lead our newest officially chartered men's ministry.**

**On January 16<sup>th</sup> we will again be sharing a breakfast and fellowship with our newly expanded United Methodist Men's group the Rome Area United Methodist Men in the Mohawk District.**

**The UMM of the Mohawk District again are partnering with the churches to initiate our 3rd Annual “Feed Our Vets February “this is a district wide food collection to benefit local veterans and their families. We will begin collection on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> and end February 21<sup>st</sup> . Thank you to all our Methodist brothers and sisters throughout the Mohawk District for their help in collecting non-perishable foods to feed our veterans and their families in need. Last February, working together in partnership with churches and local businesses we provided the Feed our Vet pantry with 2700lbs of non-perishable food . Praise God!!.**

**The UMM will gather in May for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual UMM Gathering at Camp Aldersgate. Hosted by the Methodist Men of the Mohawk District. The gathering will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2016 and will be led by keynote speaker: pastor Jack Ford**

**(Dolgeville UMC). This year's theme will be "Faith in Action." During this 22 hour overnight Men's & young Men's retreat; Pastor Jack will talk to us about putting our Faith in God into ACTION!!".... in our churches, communities and work places.. This year's skit will be "Give UP, Give IN.....or Give it ALL you GOT!!" Our 11 Annual Gathering will also feature musical guests "Northern Grace." To lead our praise & worship, an all-night Prayer vigil , plenty of food , fellowship and laughter!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 21<sup>st</sup> - UMM Chili Challenge - Manlius UMC (Crossroads District) begins @ 5:30

February 13<sup>th</sup>-UMM- Stew fest -Schuyler VFW (Mohawk District ) begins @4pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>-UMM -11<sup>th</sup> Annual gathering @ Camp Aldersgate : hosted by the Mohawk District United Methodist Men.

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In closing, Please contact us if God is leading you to PUT YOUR FAITH ACTION!! Your church, surrounding churches and communities need YOU, and we would be honored to come and join in mission /ministry with you.

"Have GPS will travel"

In Christ.....1 John 4:19

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Upper New York United Methodist Men

