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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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**Newcomers and
Visitors: WELCOME!**

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From the Pastor...

A few weeks ago, I read an article, written by David Brook, a New York Times columnist, under the title, *How would Jesus Drive? This reminds me of WWJD (What would Jesus do?)*

which had challenged many Christians who took their life and faith seriously a few decades ago. That article led me to think about what has been happening both in our country and in our Christianity.

When we confess ourselves as Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, we decide to follow how Jesus and the Bible taught us to live. Of course there is no utterly pure agreement on the creeds and doctrines that we are ought to follow, but when we confess ourselves as Christians, we are expected to live by the ethics and values that Jesus taught and lived. And certainly Christian characters and criteria for morality are higher than the secular world expects, when Jesus and his followers set the moral and ethical bar. A basic premise of being a Christian is that no matter if one likes it or not, the high expectations of God for our lives cannot be changed. But in recent times, what we have seen is the criticism that we Christians have been lowering the moral bar. It is ironic that secular society has been expecting a higher standard of morality and integrity than some Christian leaders and Christians have demonstrated. Some Christians speak as if morality and character are no longer important or relevant, and act as if character doesn't matter to Christianity. They conveniently bend or apply selectively to life or compromise their character and integrity.

Certainly nobody is perfect and everybody will fail in meeting the expectations of God for life. But it doesn't mean that we can't distort or apply our Christian values and moralities to situations in a selective way. We cannot give up being Christians, or give up some core values and principles no matter how menacingly our situation forces us to bend our Christian values. When Christians give up living by the values and teachings that Jesus taught and lived by, we give up living as Christians.

What Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount reverberates louder in our ears than any time before, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

Christian values and morality have been normal for our discernment, decision, and determination in following Jesus every day. In a situation for moral discernment and judgement like now, we have to choose if we will become less Christian, or live fully as Christians.

It is one thing if we decide to live up to the expectation of God, and it is another if we live as we decide. But in any situation we should not lower our Christian standard to justify what we do or what we do not do when we go against the words of God. When we give up living up to the criteria of Christian faith, we give up being a hope for the world. I think it's time to ask, WWJD, again in life.

Charlie Yang



The First Step

Resolution - “A firm decision to do or not to do something”. That’s probably the simplest definition of the word we can find. A firm decision...sounds easy enough, right? But, how many of us actually keep the New Year’s resolutions we make?? Want to take a guess? If you said less than 10%, you’re right in the ball park. In fact, survey data will tell us that by January 31st, 92% of us will have already broken our resolutions for the year.

What makes resolutions so difficult to keep? They all sound good, right? We want to read more, perhaps shed the Holiday pounds we put on, maybe get some cardiovascular workouts going a few times a week. All good intent, but just so difficult to keep!

We seem to become ongoing machines of our engrained habits. Once we’ve learned something, whether good or bad, we get better and better at it until it becomes so natural, that we don’t even have to think about it to do it. And when those habits are formed, we know how strong they can become, and how difficult they can be to break and start anew. A popular author on the subject of habits related breaking a habit to the energy it takes for a rocket to exit the earth’s atmosphere. A rocket can travel millions of miles, but nearly all the energy in its flight is used to make the initial breakthrough with the earth’s atmosphere.

So, how do we begin the New Year and truly make headway on the plans and improvements we all set out to do? Is there a way to avoid falling into the “92%” trap?? What different steps can we take to make changes within ourselves that will be positive and lasting??

Like anything else, we need to begin with the first step. The first step, as always, is to turn to the Lord. It’s just so difficult to change ourselves to the extent we would like to, internally or externally, if we go it alone. The only true change we can make is by starting from within, with Jesus in our hearts. When our hearts change, we think differently, and we can then begin the journey of making changes guided by our Lord.

If we’re feeling the struggle with our New Year’s resolutions, let’s take a “time out”, turn to Jesus and take a new first step with Him, and let Him direct our Way for the New Year!

Have a wonderful and blessed New Year,

Dom Perfetti





What a joy we celebrated the birth of Christ. We did shopping, families traveled all over the world, cooking, decorated our home, and packed the gift's. Sharing is the gift's was amazing. Parent's told the story of the visit of Santa in the middle of the night's. Left some milk and cookies for Santa. Children's were very anxious what kind of gift's Santa will leave at the tree for them.

I want to ask this question's all of you, if the one mid night if our Lord Jesus Christ comes and sat in our living room instead of Santa. The Son of God came all the way from Heaven to wish us. He also have gift for us and to say thank to us. What are we going to say to him ? what are we going to give Him a gift.?

Many of us know about his gift and we cannot buy it in anywhere except from Him. If we invite Him into our heart and in our life then He will give the gift of joy, peace and Salvation. These are precious gift's we need it.

We also entered into fresh New Year of 2018. Every one is very anxious to know God's Plan for us. We have the answer from King David how our Lord God almighty will prepare our New Year 2018. Psalm 65:11 " You crown the year with your bounty; Your wages on tracks overflow with richness" Let us put our trust in him. Prophet Jeremiah says God has a plan for us in Chapter 29:11, " For surely I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord, Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you future with Hope." Let us stay on his promise. Some of you remember the last year what was happened. But Isaiah the Prophet is also encouraging you In chapter 43:18-19," I am about to do a New thing now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a Way in the Wilderness."

*Read a continuation
of Fathima's story on
the next page!*



Come and join with me to continue to know how was Basha and Fathima and her pregnancy. They both continued their traditional and belief as a Muslim. They did prayer five times per a day. I continued my daily prayer for them everyday. Fathima pregnancy and the growth of baby was went well. Every time when I go Basha's Meat shop I thank God for his joy and peace. He said to me , " My Allah (God Almighty) will bless you and your family." My faith experiences God was connected me so many different religious family and the love of God is the same to every one.

I requested to Basha inform to me if his wife will have labor symptom. He said that he will. Fathima had regular check up with Dr. K. Kabir MD. She was a Hindu and married Muslim. We three different traditional faith people served to see a baby for Basha and Fathima. God is full of love he made this connection for a miracle. Fathima's due for delivering of the baby was March, 2nd week 1988.

On March, 18th, 1988 myself and my older son 13 years old and my younger so 10 years old. We went to visit our relatives in the morning. Then in the after noon we traveled by bus to come back to our home. The bus stop was near the ' PRIVATE HOSPITAL' where Dr. K. Kabir's her own Maternity Clinic and her patient's will have private special room as they needed. Our bus was stopped near this hospital after we came out of the bus it came in my heart this, " Fathima is due this week why not I go inside the hospital to ask Dr.K.Kabir about her delivery preparation. Because I promised Basha and his wife I will be with them during the delivery.

I asked my son's to visit if they at the Hospital and they agreed. We walked and passed the main entrance of the hospital. I saw Basha was running to-word's us. I thank the Lord, but when he comes near us, he cried loudly and said, " sister Fathima is admitted this morning. Dr.K.Kabir want to do C-sections because the baby is big and over weight. I am very fearful and the doctor is waiting for some one."

I started worrying, and walked to Dr.K.Kabir's room. The moment I put my feet inside her room she said in a loud volume of voice, " You are an angel God sends you. I want to do C-section for Fathima but the electrical power off and the scheduled OR Nurse called for sick. I am telling you again God send you as an angel to help Fathima. She gave a bunch of key's and said to me, Run to the OR get scrubbed, set up operating table and everything ready. The Anesthetist is on the way let us do it."

I looked at my son's, Dr.K.Kabir said , " Don't worry about the boy's they are going to be safe with my car driver and he will watch them and buy food and everything. Just run and get ready." I got the keys, and started running from one building to another where the OR is. At the same time I started asking the Lord Jesus Christ, " Lord without light how am I going to Scrub and arrange all the instrument's and get ready for the surgery. I need light." I continue my running with my prayer.

Wait for another miracle and to be continue.

Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing



Please join us for our

VITAL CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 10th!

At the Workshop you will:

- † Learn the five principles of a vital congregation.
- † Experience both a modern praise and traditional worship service.
- † Get practical hints on how to improve church life and meetings.
- † Discover how you may better engage others to better make and nurture disciples.
- † Learn what church context is all about and what gives congregations focus.

9:30 Welcome

9:45 Worship

10:30 Five Principles:
Sessions on five
practices of vital
congregations

12:10 Closing Worship

12:30 Wrap Up Q&A
(light lunch provided)



CONFIRMATION

McKownville United Methodist Church typically holds a confirmation class every 2 years—and this is one of the years!

There will be a parents information meeting on **Sunday February 11th at noon** in the celebration center. This informational meeting will cover the type of study your confirmand will participate in, the tentative schedule of study, and what happens when my child is confirmed. If your son or daughter is in 7-12th grade and has not yet been confirmed, please join us for this informational meeting!

If you are unable to attend, but have a potential student or would like to know more, please contact either Angela Stott or Pastor Charlie Yang.

See you then!

In addition, we are in need of mentors who would be willing to work with students studying the book of Luke to prepare for confirmation. If you are interested, mentors work with students on an individual schedule that meets your needs. Please contact Angela Stott or Pastor Charlie Yang to sign up.



SEEKING MUMC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hours:

- 20 hours/week
- Monday – Friday
- 4 hours per day Mid-morning to early afternoon

Responsibilities include:

- Work closely with the church pastor
- Answer the phone, take messages, refer questions...
- Check and respond to phone and email messages
- Open and sort incoming mail
- Create weekly church bulletin
- Create monthly newsletter
- Update church website
- Create PowerPoint slideshow presentation for weekly church services
- Order supplies
- Create mass emails

Job Requirements:

- Pleasant and welcoming attitude
- Strong telephone and communication skills
- Able to prioritize and able to work independently

Computer Knowledge

- Microsoft Publisher
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Outlook
- Word Press (through Sharefaith)



Greetings everyone!

Unfortunately I will be leaving the church as administrative assistant this spring. The position will be open beginning the first week in April, right after Holy Week and Easter. Most likely, there will be a week of training prior to the start of the position where I can work with the new hire to show them the ropes. I am also always available on my phone for any questions! This is a very pleasant and rewarding job surrounded by warm supportive people. Please share this with anyone who may be interested/qualified. The job is posted on indeed.com and you can also drop off a resume at the church office any time during hours (8:30 am—12:30 pm). It's been a pleasure to serve on the team here at MUMC this past two years.

God bless,
Emily :)

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School for grades PreK – 12th Grade

Elementary groups: Storytelling, Arts and Crafts, games and more!!!

Middle School: Discussion based sessions to delve deeper into familiar Bible Stories

High School: discussion based on videos and popular movies drawing on Bible based morals in real life situations

Guilderland Youth Group is an open gathering of youth in grades 8-12 We meet to relate, to be social, to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ, to nurture faith development, and to equip young leaders. We meet 3-4 times per month for FUN, SERVICE, LEARNING and WORSHIP experiences. If you are looking for a group of young people to GO and DO – this is for you!!!

You can find contact information and more information about our youth ministries on our website at www.mckownvillechurch.org

2018 Mission of Peace—Next year's Mission of Peace will be to Zimbabwe! Youth who will be Juniors or Seniors in the January of 2018 are eligible to attend. Acceptance based on Application and Interview (happens in March, 2018). Pumpkin Patch Scholarship money is available to underwrite 70% of expenses for each McKownville participant chosen for the MOP team. See Angela Stott to learn more or to get an initial application.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

February 3rd: 2:15pm – 4:30pm **Bowling for Beds**/ Del Lanes, Delmar (\$25 registration per bowler) Additional donations or sponsors accepted – to benefit the Albany Overflow Shelter

Feb 4th: Before, during and after worship – as available... **Souper Bowl Sunday**
Collection of cash and no-perishable food items for the Guilderland Food Pantry

February 11th: 7:00 pm Dress Rehearsal for Cabaret/ coffee house

February 17th: 6:00 pm **Coffee House Cabaret** – Fundraiser
sell tickets, invite friends, talent show & coffee house

Feb 18th: No meeting

Feb 25th: 7:00 pm TBD – fun night!



**Ash Wednesday is February 14th. *
This is the beginning of the Season of Lent!*



Easter Memorial Flowers

Please make your checks payable to **McKownville United Methodist Church** and mail to **Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland , N.Y. 12084** or hand them to Angela after church.

Please do not send cash.

Deadline is March 18, 2018

- _____ \$11.50 Lily
- _____ \$27.00 Azalea
- _____ \$12.00 Mum ___ Yellow ___ White ___ Lavender
- _____ \$11.50 Hyacinth ___ Blue ___ Pink
- _____ \$11.50 Tulip
- _____ \$27.00 Hydrangea

Given by _____

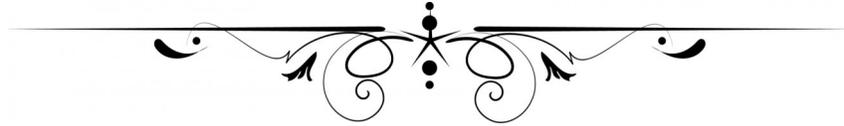
In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

I will pick up my plant on Easter Sunday _____.

If you do not wish to keep your plant, please give it to a shut-in, friend or family member.

Mission Opportunities



Thank You!

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ Dish soap
- ♥ Laundry detergent
- ♥ Shampoo
- ♥ Tooth Paste
- ♥ Prepared Microwave meals
- ♥ Mac and Cheese
- ♥ Granola bars
- ♥ Fruit Snacks crackers
- ♥ Bar soap
- ♥ Personal care items

<https://www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com>

Dear Members of McKownville United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Guilderland Food Pantry. You continue to be one of our largest supporters. You donated 400 pounds of food in the year 2017. We appreciate your call to collect the food that appears in your church bulletin. We are so blessed to have your church body as a contributing force. God bless you and have a Happy New Year!

Susan Hennessy and Mark Hopper
Directors of the Guilderland Food Pantry



BOWLING FOR BEDS

Del Lanes,
4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.



2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza & soda and lots of prizes!

Here's an opportunity for you to help make a difference! On **Saturday, February 3, 2017** members of our church will be participating in a "Bowling for Beds' Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter in Albany. The event will be held at Del Lanes, 4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Angela Stott.

Homelessness and the need for additional shelter beds in Albany County continue to be a focus for the Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC). It is our belief that all people, regardless of a person's circumstances and behaviors, have a human right to obtain shelter from deadly weather and dangerous street-living. Since 2000 the CACC and First Lutheran Church of Albany have responded to this crisis by providing an Emergency Overflow Shelter with professionally trained staff, operating through the cold weather months, 7 days a week, 12 hours each day.

Children, Youth and Adults from around the capital region will be participating in the fund-raising event. The event is open to all! Students from Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the University at Albany will be assisting the planning team with hosting the event. Participants will be encouraged to get pledges and work towards our common goal of raising at least \$10,000 towards the work of the shelter.



ADULT FORUM – GOD IN THE MOVIES

Movies excite us in ways that other media may not. Sometimes, beyond the intended direct message, a subtle underlying message resonates even more. Could such a moment be a “God moment?” Catherine Barsotti and Robert Johnston, in their book “God in the Movies” (ISBN 978-1-58743-390-0) suggest a number of films that address spiritual issues.

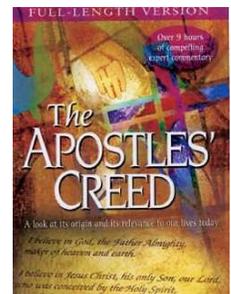
From time to time Adult Forum will discuss such a film. We meet in the room across from the library (down the hall from the church office) Sundays 9:30-10:30 am and Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Barsotti and Johnston selected these films for their book. If one of them is especially meaningful to you, we could feature it in the next discussion. Let a leader of Adult Forum know. Films will be announced several weeks in advance so there is time to watch them before we meet. Come, enrich our discussion! (All foreign films have English subtitles.)

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| Amadeus [1984] | To Live [1994] | WALL-E [2008] |
| Babette’s Feast [1987] | Magnolia [1999] | Water [2005] |
| Chariots of Fire [1981] | The Piano [1993] | The Adjustment Bureau [2011] |
| Crimes and Misdemeanors [1989] | The Shawshank Redemption [1994] | Calvary [2014] |
| Do the Right Think [1989] | Three Colors: Blue [1993] | Get Low [2010] |
| The Elephant Man [1980] | Unforgiven [1992] | Life of Pi [2012] |
| Field of Dreams [1989] | Children of Men [2006] | Noah [2014] |
| The Mission [1986] | Lars and the Real Girl [2007] | Of Gods and Men [2010] |
| Places in the Heart [1984] | Munurangabo [2008] | The Tree of Life [2011] |
| Wings of Desire [1987] | Secret Sunshine [2007] | True Grit [2010] |
| American Beauty [1999] | A Serious Man [2009] | 13 Years a Slave [2013] |
| Breaking the Waves [1996] | The Son [2002] | Zero Dark Thirty [2012] |
| Dead Man Walking [1993] | There Will Be Blood [2008] | |
| Groundhog Day [1993] | UP [2009] | |

UPCOMING MOVIE DISCUSSION

Adult Forum will study the Apostle's Creed in a six part series that begins Sunday February 11 at 9:30am or Monday February 19 at 7:00 pm. (Note that this one week delay means the Monday night class will always be one week behind the Sunday class until after Easter.) Each lesson will begin with a short video presentation by Adam Hamilton intended to stimulate discussion. Come prepared with your questions and curiosity. New persons are always welcome.



SUBMIT PHOTOS

Please continue to submit PHOTOS and descriptions of small groups, ministries, teams, etc. for a new and updated church guidebook and the new communication board!

Our trustees are looking for someone to fill a vacant building maintenance position—See a trustee for more information!

Grab A Hard Copy!

Each Sunday morning, Pastor Charlie’s sermon will be available in print and can be picked up from the greeters before the service begins. If you would like to have the sermons mailed to you each week you may call the office (456 -1148) and make a request.

Watch it live!

You can now view Pastor Charlie’s sermons live as they happen or later on when you have time from our Facebook page! /McKownvilleChurch

FEBRUARY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
February 4	Delores Campbell, Helen Knight	Tricia Stott
February 11	Bob Griffin, Todd Nemic	Cathy Wells
February 18	Sue Pett, Angels Stott	Henry Walter
February 25	Dorothy Ellinwood, Emma Herendeen	Nancy Pullen
March 4	Vicky Lockman, Pauline Martin	Alex Burns



Greeters & Ushers Coordinator: Looking for a new volunteer!!

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Chris Steffens - 608-5300

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber - 456-0412

**We are still looking for someone to take over the position of Greeters/Ushers coordinator. Please contact Pauline Martin for details about the job. blundyp379@aol.com

* *Please note that Greeters and Ushers duties are now combined.*

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

1 – Bart & “T” Stillman

Birthdays

4 – Jessica Neitzel

8 -- Marcie Mastrogiovanni

10 – Danielle Klahr

12 – Pete Gradoni

13 – Dana Jones

14 – Adrianna DeVall

14 – Joe Shanley

15 – Suzie Weis

17 – Stuart Hassel

18 – Denise Francus

24 – Darlene Pompeii

25 – Kathleen Moon

25 – Susan Sims

26 – Charlotte Seim

26 – J. Donald Smith

27 – Jeremy Arnott

27 – Joan Butler

28 – Audrey Beaver



FEBRUARY

Church Meetings

- *Finance Team: second Tuesday, 7:00pm.
- *Leadership Council: third Tuesday, 7:00pm.
- *Worship Team: fourth Tuesday, 7:00pm.

Special Meetings will be on the calendar and are usually announced in weekly bulletins.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm	Groundhog's Day Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	Bowling for Beds! A.A. 7:00 am
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Super Bowl Sunday!	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm	Winter Olympics Begin Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	Vital Congregations Workshop! A.A. 7:00 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	<p style="text-align: center;">Sundays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 4:00 pm—Quintessence Rehearsal ⇒ 9:30 am—Praise Service ⇒ 9:30 am—Adult Forum ⇒ 9:45am—Sunday School ⇒ 10:00 am—Fellowship Time ⇒ 11:00 am—Traditional Service ⇒ 2:45 pm—Praise Team Rehearsal ⇒ 4:30 pm—Wesley Ringers Rehearsal ⇒ 5:45 pm—New Song Rehearsal ⇒ 6:30 pm—Higher Up Rehearsal <p style="text-align: right;">**SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR CHANGES!</p>		
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Some Quotes for February



"The birds are gone, The ground is white,
The winds are wild, They chill and bite;
The ground is thick with slush and sleet,
And I barely feel my feet."

- Winter Poems

"If apples were pears
And peaches were plums
And the rose had a different name.
If tigers were bears
And fingers were thumbs
I'd love you just the same."

- Valentine's Day Songs and Poems

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."

- Don Halley

"In winter's cold and sparkling snow,
The garden in my mind does grow.
I look outside to blinding white,
And see my tulips blooming bright.
And over there a sweet carnation,
Softly scents my imagination.
On this cold and freezing day,
The Russian sage does gently sway,
And miniature roses perfume the air,
I can see them blooming there.
Though days are short, my vision's clear.
And through the snow, the buds appear.
In my mind, clematis climbs,
And morning glories do entwine.
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks,
Replace the frost, if I just blink.
My inner eye sees past the snow.
And in my mind, my garden grows."

- Cynthia Adams, Winter Garden.

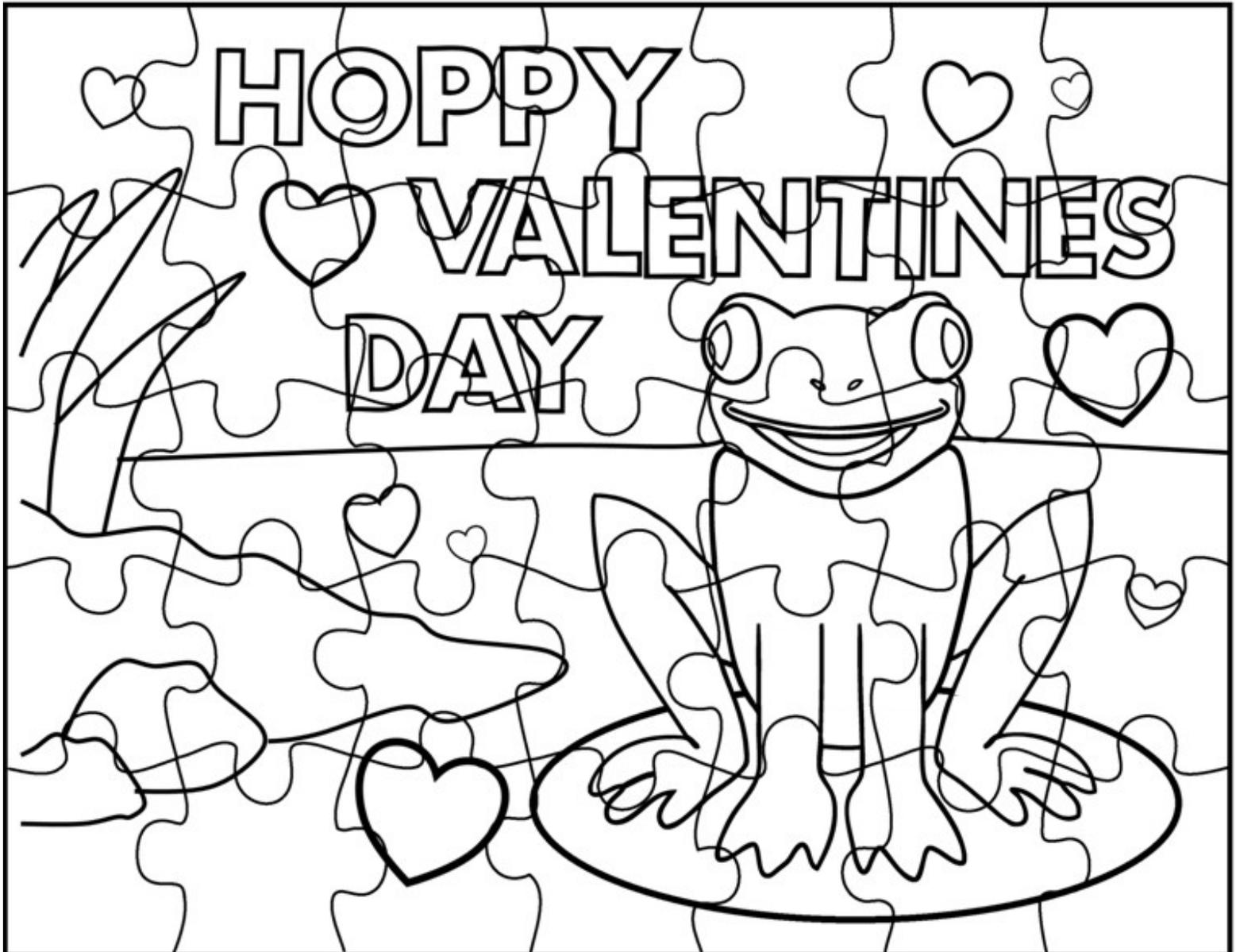
"Every mile is two in winter."

- George Herbert

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."

- Anne Bradstreet

Color in and cut out for a Valentine's Day puzzle!

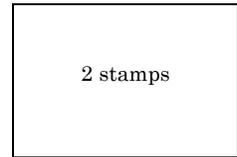


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Monday—Friday: 9am-1pm

Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

Board of Trustees:

Chair & Sexton Liaison: James Stott

Vice-Chair & Furnishings,
Building Use Coordinator: Kelly Visker
Nancy Rhodes

Leases & Legal Affairs: Noreen Van Doren

Grounds & Planned
Maintenance: Chris Brewer, Chris Spencer

Insurance: Nancy Pullen

Furniture: Nancy Pullen

Ministry Teams:

Leadership Council: Paul Krekeler, Team Leader

Staff/Parish Relations: Oakley Neitzel, Patti Krekeler,
George Jenczko, Alan Longshore, Emma Herendeen,
Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Tricia Stott, Nancy Rutenber

Finance: Paul Scoville, Team Leader
Treasurer & Payroll: Tim Pierce
Finance Secretary: Barbara O'Neill

Worship: Charlie Yang, Team Leader

Evangelism through Outreach: Jim Bowen,
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader

Senior Ministries: Darcianne Leizer,
Team Leader