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From the Pastor...

Our society has been so much polarized and recently we have been witnessing even more heightened divisions, hatred, violent expressions of opinions. Tribalism, factionalism prevails not only in the political arena, but also in religious community.

This trend of negativism appears and affects almost every nook and cranny of life. And accordingly we become more inclined to approach difference and diversity with the toll devoid of empathy and acceptance, driven by false beliefs and selfish claims. In the Christian church this trend also has gone so deep and it has hurt and harmed many aspects of faith. And the wounds are so painful and it seems incurable.

This sense of our reality poses great questions on who we are as a nation and as a church. We are urged to discover and recover Christian values seriously. Positive and constructive solutions to the challenges we face now are needed more than any time and the church should lead in this struggle and effort. But finding how to reconcile differences and disparities in a given situation very often remains as a daunting task. This is why we are tempted to duck and dodge rather than tackle and solve conflicts and disparity.

Certainly we try learning from history, from our own mistakes and failures, but it seems that we foolishly repeat those negative experiences again and again. However, we cannot allow this ugly reality to discourage and dissuade us from finding answers to problems and challenges that we face now.

We Christians learn from Jesus, how he handled divisions and differences. For him empathy was the answer to overcoming obstacles derived from differences and disparities. Empathy came from the Greek word *empathia*, two words meaning "in" and "feeling." Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others.

Jesus showed a great sense of empathy for people, especially for the socially marginalized people, who were hated and rejected by their society. He saw broken souls in them and had empathy for them. He not only had accepted them, but he also became their friends. Empathy is the virtue that we Christians keep and maintain in the face of differences and disparities. Empathy is a vital part of our call to ministry. We are moved to ministry when we allow our hearts to break with the things or situations that break the heart of God.

We Christians are called to be moral compass in life. God calls us to be prophetic when our societies go wrong morally and socially. When we falter and fail in embracing differences and disparities, we stop being followers of Jesus Christ. Faith devoid of empathy is not Christian value.

Time and again, we Christians cannot allow hate and violence seep through and soil our souls. We can set an example by inspiring and scaling the best of what is in our faith community what is so clearly on display.

We see pains, sufferings, and brokenness, caused by hate and violence, around us as well as far from us in our planet. We are often tempted to avoid those situations. We have inclination not be bothered or get involved. But for ministry of the Kingdom to happen, we are called to engage ourselves in. If we listen to the voice of God, we need to take a risk to be vulnerable to be sensitive to the call of God to action.

Certainly differences or disparities will be there and can block our ways as we have seen many times in history. They will cause discord and dissonance in society. But we can overcome conflicts and frictions caused by differences and disparities, not by denying or rejecting but recognizing and embracing with empathy. When we are willing to follow Jesus' footstep, we will know that differences and disparities are rather blessings, not obstacles for unity and harmony, for peace and happiness.

Charlie Yang



Let's Face It

“Let’s face it.” If we look for the definition, we’ll find, “accepting as truth, face facts.” Many times in life we look at things from different perspectives, have discussions about our situations and circumstances, and then finally find ourselves saying, “Let’s face it”, as we realize that we have discovered the truth, and are ready to accept the reality it for what it is.

Sometimes we don’t always know exactly what the truth is, and other times we may know, and don’t want to believe it. We somehow try to convince ourselves that it really isn’t what it is. “Did that really just happen?” “Could it really be that bad?” “Did that person really say that to you?” Our minds play tricks on us, and the truth can be blurred. But nevertheless, as we work our way through surprise and perhaps thoughts of avoidance, denial, or wishful thinking, we usually come to a point where we just have to “face it” and accept the facts.

We’re faced with so many daily challenges, some turn out positive, while others don’t always seem to go our way. We juggle our priorities, try to make time for all the demands placed on us, attempt to make that call that we know we should have made weeks ago, and also field the curve balls thrown at us that we never expected. How do we manage all this?? Let’s face it, our days are full!

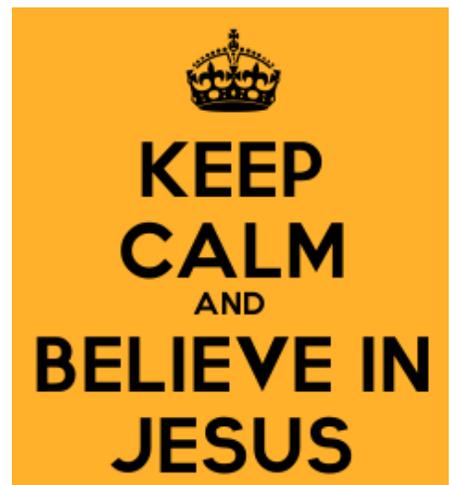
One way to get our arms around all that we’re faced with is to not go it alone. As we start our days and our minds begin to race, that’s the perfect time to stop, take a moment and give everything we have, including ourselves, to Jesus. Jesus knows our hearts and understands our needs. He is there to give us the strength and perseverance to move us forward and face into our challenges, obstacles, and struggles. We all get overwhelmed and literally can find ourselves just not knowing which way to turn. It’s those times that we need to turn our hearts and minds upward, to the Lord.

With Jesus, we know that we have the Truth. He is the Truth. And when we call upon His name, He removes our anxieties and fears, and replaces them with confidence and strength to face into our days.

Every day, the moment we wake, we can pray and put Him first in our lives before our minds begin racing to the challenges ahead, and confidently say to Him, “I know you’re with me, this day is in your hands... Let’s face it!

Have a wonderful and blessed day,

Dom Perfetti

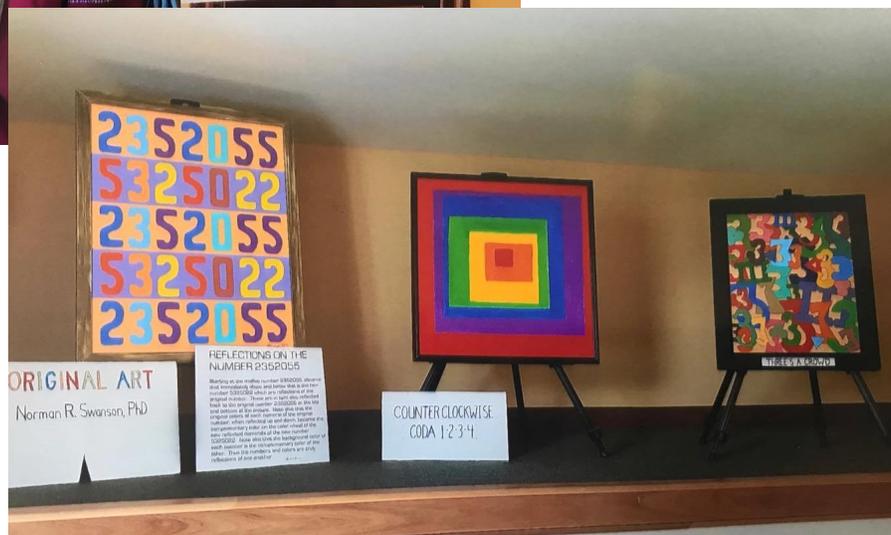


Paintings by Norman Swanson

I, Norman Swanson, have changed the three pictures that are located in the loft area next to the stairs going up to the reception area. I have replaced them various times. The trio that was previously there was painted about four years ago and represents the last weekend of Jesus' activities that we associate with LENT: "The Last Supper", "Three Empty Crosses", and "The Open Grave of Jesus."

The three new pictures that I have painted represent my interconnection with mathematics and art. I was a mathematics teacher for 35 years, starting with Middleburgh High School for my first year (1965-66), Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School for two years (1966-68), and then to Hudson Valley Community College (1968-2003). The three new pictures that are now on display should be self-explanatory, but there is a place card next to each one explaining if needed.

I would like to publicly thank Carl Morse, who has helped me several times with the installation of my pictures in the church. I also want to thank Ellen Swanson, my dear wife, for her assistance at home and in church.



ORIGINAL ART
Norman R. Swanson, PhD

REFLECTIONS ON THE
NUMBER 2352055
Mathematics has a rich history of numbers. The number 2352055 is a prime number. It is the product of the prime numbers 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 187, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271, 277, 281, 283, 293, 307, 311, 313, 317, 331, 337, 347, 349, 353, 359, 367, 373, 379, 383, 389, 397, 401, 409, 419, 421, 431, 433, 439, 443, 449, 457, 461, 463, 467, 479, 487, 491, 499, 503, 509, 521, 523, 527, 529, 533, 539, 541, 547, 557, 563, 569, 571, 577, 581, 587, 593, 599, 601, 607, 611, 613, 617, 619, 623, 629, 631, 637, 641, 643, 647, 653, 659, 661, 667, 671, 673, 677, 683, 689, 691, 697, 701, 703, 709, 713, 719, 727, 731, 733, 739, 743, 749, 757, 761, 763, 769, 773, 779, 781, 787, 791, 793, 797, 803, 809, 811, 817, 821, 823, 827, 829, 833, 839, 841, 847, 851, 853, 857, 859, 863, 869, 871, 877, 881, 883, 887, 893, 899, 901, 907, 911, 913, 917, 919, 923, 929, 931, 937, 941, 943, 947, 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Some Bricks on McKownville's 2016 Memorial Patio

The memorial patio commemorating the 150th anniversary of McKownville United Methodist Church was dedicated on Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Below are some church memories on the patio bricks.



Recent Pastors

Terrence (Terry) O'Neill pastor July 1989 – October 2002
 Stephen (Steve) Butler March 2003 – June 2014
 Cheol-Hee (Charlie) Yang July 2014 –



couple remembered as the first to be married in the old church

Long-Term Members

McKownville has many long-term members - as well as more recent joiners.



Irene A. Siebert was the oldest long-term member.

One brick honors Irene Siebert as the longest member at McKownville (92 years).

Another brick recognizes Bill Seim as the oldest current member in 2016. It reads (over five lines on the brick):

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM R. SEIM
 LIFE LONG MEMBER FROM 1930-PRESENT

Other 2016 bricks honoring long-term members include:



Henry and Audr(e)y Beaver

Barbara Mosall and Robert Mosall

Carl and Ildra Morse and family "So now faith, hope, I love abide these three, but the greatest of these is love" 1 Corinthians 13:13

Security Plumbing & Heating Supply Co.
 In honor of Harold L. Williams, Jr and his church and community



contributions to his



Check the patio for others remembered.

Our Memorial Garden

There has been a small garden in the back of the church, near the play ground and parking lot, for several years. Recently it has received some tender loving care that has revived it as a place of beauty, solitude and rest.

Last year Oakley Neitzel replaced the wood on the 2 benches. They are now inviting and safe to all who wish to sit. Thank you Oakley.

This year Rachel Guyer has revived the garden, as a Girl Scout project. She has made a new edging/wall around the center garden and planted several flowers and other plants in the area surrounding the small tree, making the spot a center piece of beauty. Thank you Rachel for adding to our enjoyment of this place.



Needed: A volunteer to perform the church annual audit for 2017.

Time frame: begin January 2018 and complete by March 15, 2018.

Bookkeeping or accounting experience would be useful, but is not required. Detailed instructions, helpful guidance, and past examples will be provided.

Please let Pastor Charlie, Paul Scoville, or Henry Walter know if you are willing to perform this vital task.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday (OCTOBER 1st) offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

As one of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference, World Communion Sunday is to be observed with the taking of an offering throughout the denomination. World Communion Sunday is observed the first Sunday in October. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Pumpkin Fundraiser

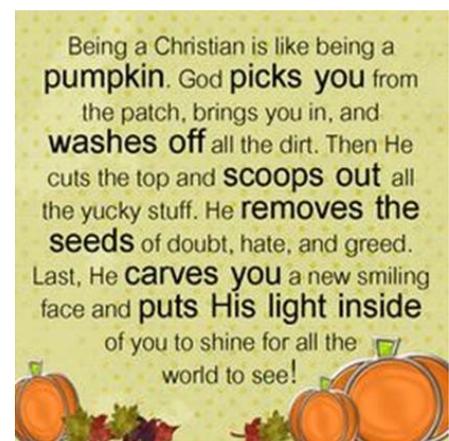
McKownville's Pumpkin Patch is so much more than a fundraiser. It is a site to bring the community together. It is a mission to serve the Navajo's who grow them and the independent truckers who deliver them. It provides scholarship money to support those traveling for mission work. Support of this project is in your hands – work for just 1 hour, or many; work in the patch and interact with visitors (invite them inside for worship or activities); work behind the scenes with publicity, patch design, or volunteer coordinating; be creative and help our patch grow!

Pumpkin Patch Sitters: - if you are able to sit for 2-3 hour shifts during the month of October either one time or on a regular shift, a sign up calendar will be available in the sanctuary foyer and online through Google Calendars. If you have not volunteered with us before or need a refresher using the Square for credit card sales, see Angela Stott for a brief instructional review.

Pumpkin Pies! Pumpkins are more fragile than one would think and regularly get bruised or broken in the patch so that they cannot be sold. But waste not want not! We take these broken pumpkins and clean them and cook them to be made into Pumpkin Pies! These pies are given to the Capital City Rescue Mission to be served for Thanksgiving. If you have some time and a stove, please contact Angela or James Stott to get a pumpkin or two to turn into puree!

NEW THIS YEAR!!! Carving Contest!!! The rules are simple, to be eligible your pumpkin must have been purchased from one of our partner patches. We will provide you with contest stickers to pass out with the sale of each pumpkin as proof of purchase. We will provide flyers to pass out to customers that explain step by step how to enter the contest. We have made banners for you to hang in front of your patch. They will come complete with metal stakes and bungee cords to hang them. To enter, customers will take a picture of their carved pumpkin and upload it to the contest gallery at Facebook.com/carvingcontest. The contest sticker must be present in the picture; without the sticker the entry will be disqualified. Once submitted they will be given a link where they can share their jack-o-lantern and ask friends to vote. We will not pick the winner. The winner will be chosen by Facebook votes. A contest photo gallery will display all the entry's and automatically order the pictures based on who is currently in the lead. Each Facebook user can vote once. Everyone is eligible to enter including patch volunteers and church members. Anyone with an IP address outside the US will be automatically blocked from entering as a precaution to prevent fraudulent entries. There will also be a \$1,000 dollar prize to the organization that sells the winning pumpkin. Entries will be accepted beginning September 1st and ending November 1st at 11:59pm EST. The winner will be announced the following day.

Clean up Day: November 1st the last of the pumpkins will need to be moved forward to the edge of the lawn, the tent will need to be taken down. The tables cleaned and re-turned inside. The decorations stored away until next year. And the pallets brought back to the back parking lot area near the shed.



SINGLES GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDDY WALK

On Saturday, October 14th the Singles Group will participate in the Buddy Walk. All are welcome to participate for this worthy cause. The walk takes place in Schenectady Central Park, 500 Iroquois Path, Schenectady, New York, 12309.

Registration: <https://capitalregionbw.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=503>

Information and donations: <https://capitalregionbw.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=503>

The Buddy Walk is an inspirational and educational event which celebrates the many abilities and accomplishments of all individuals with Down syndrome. Locally, the 2017 Buddy Walk will benefit the Down Syndrome Aim High Resource Center (DSAHRC), a division of Center for Disability Services. Funds raised at our walk will benefit programs and services provided by the DSAHRC, including:

- Parent to Parent Contact-Consultation with Parents
- Expectant and New Parent Support at Hospital
- Educational Advocacy
- Professional Development for Schools and Education
- Social and Recreational Events and Activities for Self Advocates
- Educational and Informational packets specific to Down syndrome
- Plus much more!

Join us as we take a beautiful walk around the pond, followed by fun activities and entertainment, all while we celebrate the many abilities and accomplishments of individuals with Down syndrome!

If you are interested in participating in the walk, contact Darcianne Leizer. (518)-456-1063
The group will meet at the church to carpool to the walk.



FLOOD BUCKET COLLECTION

There is a collection of items for flood buckets underway. Below are a list of items that go in each flood bucket. You can donate all or part of the items, or money to purchase items, for the next couple of weeks at church. There will be a display in the back of the church to place all donations. Then on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am come and help assemble the buckets. If you have any questions, please contact Darcianne Leizer.

Cleaning Kit Materials

- 15 Gallon "Round" bucket with resealable lid
 - Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
 - Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
 - Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
 - No square buckets
(Only round buckets are used to ensure proper stacking during transport)
- Liquid laundry detergent
 - One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid household cleaner
 - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
 - No spray cleaners
- Dish soap
 - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 50 Clothespins
- Clothesline
 - One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
 - Cotton or plastic
- 7 Sponges
 - No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
 - Remove from packaging
- 24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags
 - 33-45 gallon sizes
 - Remove from the box
- 18 Cleaning wipes
 - Handi-wipes or reusable wipes
 - No terry cleaning towels
 - Remove from packaging
- 1 Can air freshener
 - Aerosol or pump
- 1 Insect-repellant spray
 - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover



LIST CONTINUES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

FLOOD BUCKET ITEMS CONTINUED...

- 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
 - Should be durable enough for multiple uses
 - from packaging
- 1 Pair work gloves
 - All Cotton
 - All Leather
 - Cotton with Leather Palm
- 5 Scouring pads
 - Remove from wrapper
 - No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 1 Scrub brush
 - Plastic or wood handle
- 5 Dust masks

Important Notes:

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

Processing & Shipping Costs:

Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Kit you send. This donation enables Cleaning Kits to be sent to areas in need.



Brooks Chicken BBQ



SATURDAY, Oct 7st
11AM-7PM



Full dinner includes: Brooks BBQ famous barbeque chicken, baked potato, fresh coleslaw, and dessert.
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Adult Chicken Dinner

\$11.00

(take out or eat in)

Child's Dinner

\$8.00

(eat in only)

Chicken Only

\$8.50

(take out only)

Have a pile of **shoe boxes** laying around from all of your new fall shoes? [Bring them to Church!!!](#) We are now collecting shoe boxes for our annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box drive and need your boxes by October 8 so we can get them wrapped.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Wrapped Christmas boxes will be available as of October 22nd for you to take home and fill with gifts and prayers for children in need. Each box contains an information sheet about items to include, as well as instructions regarding the cost of shipping. Please remember to put a rubber band around the box when you return it. If you want to help out, but are unable to fill a box yourself, you can drop off items to fill boxes in the laundry basket in the back of the Sanctuary and the Youth Group will put together additional boxes. The filled boxes must be returned to the church **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 12. Our goal is to provide 80 children** with boxes of love, joy and the message of Christ. We hope you can help us meet that goal. Thank you, the Guilderland Youth Group



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

Schedule

October 1st, 1:30 p.m.—Apple picking

Saturday 10/7 Brooks BBQ – Pumpkin Festival (youth run the patch all day so that other volunteers can work the BBQ)

Saturday 10/14 – 7pm Whispering Willow Wildcare – a local program which rehabs injured birds of prey

October 22nd – Gift Box wrapping – we will wrap the last of the boxes for the OCC collection

October 28th – Youth HELP RUN THE PATCH! (The Saturday before Halloween is always VERY busy! All HANDS ON DECK! Plan to spend as much of the day as you can!)

NOVEMBER 4th in Voorheesville 9am till we finish, PUMPKIN PIE BAKING!!!! Throughout the month of October if you would select usable but not sellable cracked pumpkins from the patch and cook puree for pies, and freeze them at home, we will need about 100 cups of puree for this project on 11/4. If anyone is able to clean and cook pumpkin for this project, please contact Angela Stott for details.

Tuesday, Nov 7th — ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE ! YOUTH - Please plan to attend the Bake Sale for part of the day to help raise money. We also need BAKED GOODS! Ask your parents, grandparents or bake it yourself! We need a HUGE sale this year!



Mission Opportunities

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ Guilderland Food Pantry needs:
- ♥ Dinty Moore Beef Stew and Chicken
- ♥ Canned fruit
- ♥ Juice, Coffee, Tea
- ♥ Peanut butter/Jelly
- ♥ Mac and cheese
- ♥ Rice/quinoa/orzo/dried potatoes
- ♥ Cooking oil
- ♥ Applesauce
- ♥ Toothpaste
- ♥ Dish detergent
- ♥ Laundry detergent

The Guilderland Food Pantry has started a program with SUNY Albany students to provide microwaveable meals.

- ♥ Nissan Cup of Noodles
- ♥ Manchuria instant lunches
- ♥ McDougells instant meals
- ♥ Annias Instant mac and cheese
- ♥ Minute Ready rice
- ♥ Uncle Ben's ready rice
- ♥ Carolina instant meals
- ♥ Dinty Moore Instant Stew
- ♥ Campbell meal ready

COME HEAR HOW THE MISSION FUND WAS USED (Mission Fund is funded by the pumpkin sales)

On Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00pm in the sanctuary
Darcianne Leizer and Henry Walter present
pictures and stories about their mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa.

*Light refreshments provided





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.)

Amadeus [1984]
 Babette’s Feast [1987]
 Chariots of Fire [1981]
 Crimes and Misdemeanors [1989]
 Do the Right Think [1989]
 The Elephant Man [1980]
 Field of Dreams [1989]
 The Mission [1986]
 Places in the Heart [1984]
 Wings of Desire [1987]
 American Beauty [1999]
 Breaking the Waves [1996]
 Dead Man Walking [1993]
 Groundhog Day [1993]

To Live [1994]
 Magnolia [1999]
 The Piano [1993]
 The Shawshank Redemption [1994]
 Three Colors: Blue [1993]
 Unforgiven [1992]
 Children of Men [2006]
 Lars and the Real Girl [2007]
 Munyurangabo [2008]
 Secret Sunshine [2007]
 A Serious Man [2009]
 The Son [2002]
 There Will Be Blood [2008]
 UP [2009]

WALL-E [2008]
 Water [2005]
 The Adjustment Bureau [2011]
 Calvary [2014]
 Get Low [2010]
 Life of Pi [2012]
 Noah [2014]
 Of Gods and Men [2010]
 The Tree of Life [2011]
 True Grit [2010]
 13 Years a Slave [2013]
 Zero Dark Thirty [2012]

Call for Photos

Please submit photos of your group or ministry for our communication board in the front lobby. Please email photos to the church office or drop off physical copies.

Church Guidebook

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

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

OCTOBER DUTIES CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u> | <u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| October 1 | Alan Longshore Terry O'Neill | Todd Nemic |
| October 8 | Delores Campbell Helen Knight | Laura Marotta |
| October 15 | Bob Griffin Todd Nemic | Nancy Pullen |
| October 22 | Susan and Bill Burns | Nancy Rhodes |
| October 29 | Sue Sims Angela Stott | -Laity Sunday- |



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

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Chris Steffens - 608-5300

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber - 456-0412

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

**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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

8 – Carl & Ildra Morse
12 – Chris & Tara Brewer
18 – Joe & Linda Shanley

Birthdays

2 – Kevin Williams
4 – Canda Bowie
4 – John Sheehan
4 – Vera Brooks
4 – Brittany Schambach
4 – Keira Williams
6 – “T” Stillman
6 – Alan Longshore
8 – Ellen Swanson
9 -- Dominic Mastrogiovanni
10 – Maria D’Ambrosio
12 – Laura Scoville
15 – Nancy Rutenber
16 – Tara Brewer

20 – Vivian Jones
23 – Patricia Hassel
24 – Dylan Liotta
24 – Robert Mosall
25 – Denise Paul
28 – Ric Barre
29 – Pat Arnott
29 – Wendy Liotta
29 – Kristine Liotta
30 – Lisa Krekeler
30 – Nanci Lutz



OCTOBER

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 |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| 1 Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | 2 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm | 3 Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm | 4 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 5 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm | 6 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm | 7 BROOKS BBQ! PUMPKIN FEST A.A. 7:00 am |
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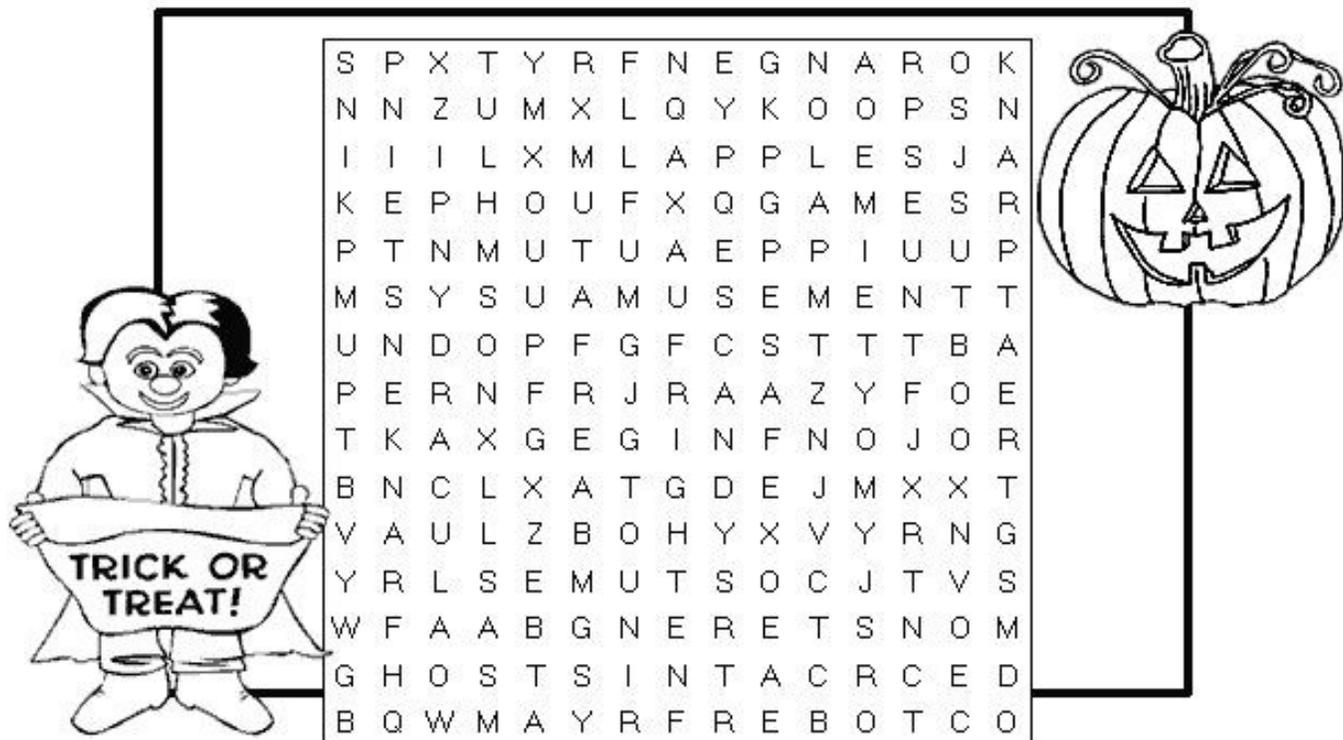


OCTOBER
gave a party; the
LEAVES *by*
hundreds
came~ The
CHESTNUTS
OAKS, *and* MAPLES,
And *leaves of every name.*
The SUNSHINE *spread*
a carpet, *And everything was*
grand, *Miss WEATHER led*
the *dancing, Professor*
WIND *the band.*

~George Cooper

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

Find 20 hidden words related to Halloween. Words in this puzzle may be found from top to bottom, bottom to top, left to right and right to left.



1. amusement
2. apples
3. autumn
4. boo
5. candy

6. cat
7. costumes
8. dracula
9. frankenstein
10. frighten

11. games
12. ghosts
13. monster
14. october
15. orange

16. prank
17. pumpkins
18. safe
19. spooky
20. treat



**HAVE A HAPPY,
WONDERFUL AND SAFE
HALLOWEEN!**

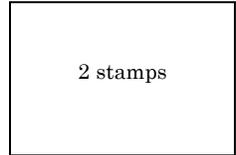


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