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Love God, Follow Jesus and Pass It On!

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2018 Lent Calendar

Palm Sunday: March 25

Holy Thursday: March 29

Good Friday: March 30

Easter Sunday: April 1

Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

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From the Pastor...

I remember the day when I visited a home in Texas and saw multiple guns stacked in their home. It was quite a shocking experience for me, for I had not seen a single person who stacked guns at his home at all in my home country. Since then I came to know that gun culture has been deeply embedded in many

American lives, that one can own as many as guns and rifles including semi-automatic weapons if they want to. I also came to know that more than thirty thousand people are killed by guns each year while gun-related deaths are very rare in other developed countries—the gun homicide rate in the United States is many times higher than in other rich countries, according to the Health Affairs study. I also came to know that while the United States suffers from the mass shooting deaths often, in most rich countries like Australia and Japan guns are strictly controlled and so, gun-related deaths are almost non-existent and so, this agony is exceptionally our issue.

Last month we again had another senseless killing of seventeen students and teachers at Major Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. We all wept, frustrated with what we saw. We are deeply saddened and angered by the rising death toll caused by guns.

We are responsible for this tragedy. This is our problem that we have to tackle in the right manner. Unless we do something seriously and comprehensively, we will have to go through that agony again and again. We need to do more than offering thoughts and prayers.

But we don't have agreement on how to handle this issue. This issue has been complicated with our culture, politics, money, etc. And as potential solutions, some talk about culture change, some about fixing mental issues, etc. We need to tackle the root cause of this issue and only when we do this, can we find a solution for this issue.

Understanding the root of our current issue is the beginning of the solving the problem. It is easy to hate the perpetrators and blame mistakes of others in handling the situation. We need to accomplish some meaningful actions to limit this violence.

As a due consequence, gun-related debate has heated up after the last tragedy in Parkland, Florida. And it is our moral duty to talk and act appropriately. We ask questions as: Why this again? What is wrong with us? How can we fix this problem?... What does the Bible say about guns, if it does at all? Is there any agreed Christian perspective on this issue?

There is no unified agreement among Christians on the gun issue, since there is no direct mention of it in the Bible. And so, our thoughts and actions on this matter rely on our own reading of the Bible and tradition, and our interpretations on them. I, as a follower of Jesus, ask the following question to myself when I need to make a moral judgement, "What would Jesus do" if he was in this situation?

I don't know much about guns but one specific type of gun, M16. I personally experienced this type of gun—the type of gun, which was used in the last tragedy—when I was serving my home country in the military for more than two years. I was trained to use it and I practiced the shooting of it on a regular basis. So, I can say that I understand how lethal that gun is. It is designed solely for military purpose, not for hunting or for recreation.

The apostle Paul has summed up the Bible's teaching on guidance really well in Colossians 3:17 and I believe it teaches us how to act. "Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Everything we do is as a representative of God here on earth – we act in his name. Living as disciples of Jesus requires us to live as an example for the world.

Charlie Yang



All of the Above

Occasionally on multiple choice tests the last answer is *all of the above*. Sometimes that's the one to choose. Let's see,...,"A" is right, pretty sure about "B", so without knowing much about "C or D", you take your best shot and say, yup, it's "E", all of the above.

Maybe we've taken a test like that recently at school, or on the job, or perhaps we all have the memories of those days when multiple choice tests were a regular part of our week. Most of us at some time have looked forward to the days when we don't have to take tests each week. We're happy to see the days when we'd go from math to English to history to science, and take our best shot hoping that our memories and hours spent studying would help us select that right letter on those multiple-choice exams are finally in the past.

Well, maybe those days are over, but are our "multiple choice" days really over? Aren't our lives filled with "multiple choices" every day?? Sometimes there are far more possible answers than "A through E". Whether we have a day filled with "true-false", "multiple choice" or the dreaded "essay responses," we all know that we're faced with many choices each day that have significant impact on our lives for years to come, and the answers certainly are not always sitting in front of us in a text book!

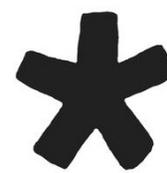
As we enter another Lenten Season, we can once again ground ourselves on where we can find the wisdom, insight and direction we need to answer life's difficult questions. Lent is the time of year when we can all reflect upon Jesus' time with us as a human, His resurrection to join our Father in Heaven and His promise of sending us His Holy Spirit to always be among us.

When we look around us for the answers to life's challenging questions and we find no help in sight, we need only to look up to the Cross. At the Cross we see Jesus joining His Father in Heaven and sending us His Holy Spirit.

As we walk the path with Jesus for the 40 days of lent, let's always remember that the answers to life's most difficult questions don't come from the earthly sources that surround us; but through our Lord Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, or, I suppose we can say, from ***all of the above!!***

Have a blessed Lenten journey,

Dom Perfetti

 **ALL
OF THE
ABOVE**



Welcome all you reader's. I would like to ask you to join with me a moment of Meditation, The meaning of Meditation is to pore over, to repeat loud and this learn by heart as well as ponder. some will do silent Meditation and some do prayer's. Let us have a moment with the presence of God Almighty.

In our bible only one Psalm is longer one. If we read and Meditate with this Psalm the presence of God will guide us and comfort us. In Psalm 119:75 tells us how we are in the hand's of God. " In your hand's you have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandment." The Psalmist encouraging us how God Almighty's precious hand's formed our human body. He is expert builder and he carefully constructed us a man and a woman. He knows us who we are?

If we keep God's presence on one hand and plea for his help in holding God's Law on the other hand, will strengthen our faith. through our faith a divine guidance will come from God with his help. Be strong in your faith. Let us read about two women's, a very courageous, faith filled, fear to God and dedicated. We can read about them in EXODUS 1:15-22. They are Shiphrah and Pouh and they were skilled Midwives in the period of Egypt King Ramses 11.The Egypt King said to these midwives, " If the Hebrew women will deliver if it is a son then kill him or if it is a daughter then it shall live. "

These two midwives were dedicated their job under the commandment of God and honored God Almighty with courage. They conducted the deliveries of Hebrew women's and they saved all the boy and girl babies. "And because the Midwives feared to God to gave them families and they saved Moses. Shiphrah and Pouh did not do as the King of Egypt's order. These midwives act is a courageous civil disobedience. They put the fear of God Against the command of the Egypt Pharaoh.The Baby Moses was escaped from the death. The river Nile led the Baby Moses to the palace of the Egypt Pharaoh. The Pharaoh was accepted the Baby Moses through his sister who adapted the Baby Moses. Moses grew and learn the skill's to become as a future Pharaoh of Egypt, but God converted him to be the freedom fighter for the Israelite's. God helped Shpiorah and Pouh. If God helped them then he will help us.

Be strong in your faith. Yes, he will because he helped me and helping me. My experiences as a Midwife also I am blessed by God Almighty. Let me connect you to my true witness continuation:--



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As per my last month presentation I got the Operating room Key and ran from one building to other building. While I was running praying to God Almighty to offer electric power to burn the light's. I came to the entrance door of the operating room. I put the key in the keyhole with my prayer. I turned it and opened the door Praise God, the electric bulbs are shining with bright light, means the power came. Oh! what a an amazing God we have. I have no word even today to write. How much joy I had. I started scrub and get ready to organize the operating table mean's it contains all the instrument's and other needed thing's for the C.Section Surgery.

I saw the Anesthetist came with big smile and said to me," Olive thank God you are here. I heard everything by Dr.K.Kabir." In a quick moment everything was ready to start the surgery and the transportation staff's brought Fathima inside the O.R. Anesthetist did his initial check up with his procedure and said," Let's start." The operating room filled with silence. I was assisting as scrub Nurse and Dr. K.Kabir took the baby out. It was a beautiful girl baby, 5.5 lbs. The baby girl was broke the silent of the O.R by her cry. Oh! what a joy for us as a team. Dr. K.Kabir asked me to cut the umbilical cord to separate the baby from the placenta. What a honor offered me by God to cut the umbilical cord of this special baby. In my experiences as a Midwife in two different countries. I did cut so many babies umbilical cord may be thousand's. But for this girl baby I thank God for this honored service.(In those years husband not allowed to labor room or O.R)

I cut the umbilical cord and separated the baby from plasenta. I took the baby girl, her vital sign's, color, and all is perfect healthy. I did all the needed care for the baby girl then I joined with Dr.K.Kabir continue assist to complete the surgery of C.Section. I took the baby girl to her father Basha, was just out near the Operation Room door. Basha held her and I saw his joy running from his eyes as tears on his face. What a blessing for me as a Midwife in my life. Then I took the baby girl inside to recovery room and I did the Nursing recovery care for two hours for Mother and the baby. Fathima held the baby girl with great joy.

Fathima and the baby girl was transferred to the C.Section Postpartum Unit. I gave my report to the Nurse in charge and said ," Good bye to Basha, Fathima and the baby girl. I looked at the clock it was 5:00 pm, I rushed to look for my son's. I saw them with Dr.K.Kabir's car driver in the hospital garden. I joined with them. I thanked the car driver. I went to say goodbye to Dr.K.Kabir. She again said many thanks for me. I said to her this," God is with us and worked in a mysterious way to help this beautiful baby girl and her mother. Let us say thanks to God." She agreed with me.

Myself and my son's came back to home. I was exhausted, but I am so happy because God Almighty kept his promise as he said in Isaiah 66:9. And again he is saying to us," So shall my word be that goes put of my mouth it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11. This is true and we can trust him and he will trust us and bless us.

Amen.



Meet Christine Gould!

Greetings all!

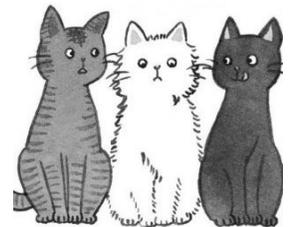
As I m still on track to leave my position as church administrative assistant beginning next month, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Christine Gould who has been hired to replace me. For the past 13 years, Christine has been Secretary 1 for the NYS Dept. of Health, Division of Nutrition, Bureau of Nutrition Risk Reduction and before that held other New York State jobs including but not limited to: Keyboard Specialist for NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Division of Operations, Bureau of Fleet Management and Secretary 1 for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Operations, Bureau of Office Services.

Christine has held NYS positions for a total of 38 years and retired at the end of October of last year to take care of her mother who was not feeling well at the time but is doing much better now. She enjoys taking walks, gardening and spoiling her three cats. She loves spending time with family and loved ones saying, "I thank God for everything in my life and try not to take one day for granted."

Christine will train with me two weeks prior to my leaving to learn the ropes (beginning March 19th). Once she has started, please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves and explain your role at the church. I know you all will make her feel welcome as you did for me.

Best,

Emily



A BUCKET FOR CHANGE

Pocket Change for UMCOR



Do you have change in your pocket that is weighing you down? Do you have change laying on your dresser that you just do not know what to do with? Now is your chance to get rid of your change and make a difference in the lives of others. When we all work together, it is amazing what can be accomplished. Any amount of change helps.

March 11th - April 8th, there will be a bucket in the back of the church that you can deposit your change. The change will be given to UMCOR to help change lives.

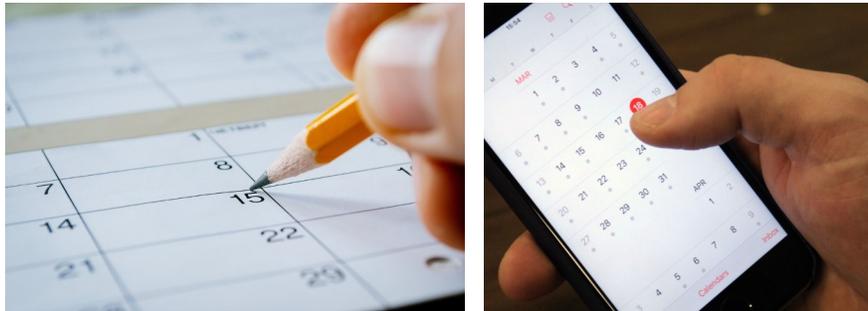
What is UMCOR? I am glad you asked. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is the global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Their mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering - whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development

UMCOR does so much, it is hard to put it all in this little article. For more information, either speak to a member of the Outreach Team or below is the UMCOR website along with some Youtube videos that UMCOR has created explaining their work. If the links do not work, then on the youtube site, the video titles can be searched.

UMCOR Website	http://www.umcor.org/
United Methodists: UMCOR's "Feet on the Ground"	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXM5jlb2ycQ
UMCOR Sunday Overview	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxYVhAA10rw
UMCOR — 75 Years of Hope	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzhWnsWPYg4



Save the Dates!



Confirmation Cass Meeting



Candidates for Confirmation will be meeting as a group on Sunday March 4th at 12 noon in the celebration center for our monthly meeting. We will be introducing the course of study by reviewing chapters 1-3 and looking at the first few chapters of Luke. There will be a baptism to witness with your mentors on March 25th (which is Palm Sunday!) Make a point to be there if possible. Mark your calendars! A Wrap It Up retreat and Service Project will take place on Saturday, May 12th 9am – 3pm (at Skye Farm) Stay tuned for details. This project is intended for both Mentors and Candidates.

Next meeting, Sunday March 25th – lessons 4-7 and Luke Confirmation Sunday will be June 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

Girl Scout Sunday

March 11th is Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scout Sunday is a celebration of the founding of the Girl Scout movement by Juliette Gordon Lowe.

The Girl Scouts of Service Unit 192 (Guilderland) will be collecting new socks of all sizes and designs for donation to The Marillac Family Shelter, the Albany City Mission, and Parsons Child & Family Center. Since 2008, we have collected over 9000 pairs of socks.

Beginning on Sunday February 25th, there will be a box in the back of the Sanctuary where you can place your sock donations. Thank you in advance for your support.



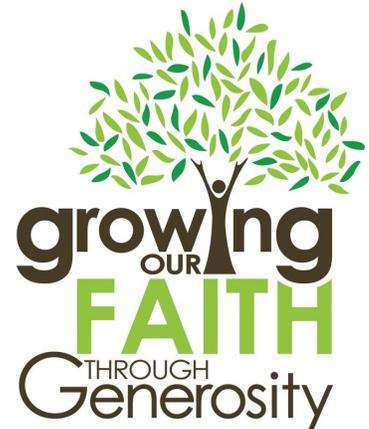
Financial Campaign

Open Hearts, Open Hands! Giving to advance God's work!

Our annual Financial Campaign will happen in April! Kick-Off Sunday is **April 8**, Commitment Sunday is **April 29**.

During worship in April, announcements by members of the congregation will describe our plans for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019), tell you what resources we need just to stay open, and then challenge the congregation to support dreams for extended outreach.

Watch for a letter to each member to be mailed shortly after Easter. Henry Walter, Campaign Chair.



Brooks BBQ

Save the date! Once again it is time to start looking forward to our MUMC spring Brooks BBQ! It will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018**. This has been a major fundraiser for the last 31 years and this will be the church's 64th BBQ. The success of this event depends on church members volunteering. As always, more hands make the job easier. Please consider volunteering by signing up on the sheets in the back of the sanctuary or by saying "YES!" to committee members requesting your help. Thank you in advance!



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



*Easter
Memorial
Flowers*

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.

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—This 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



The CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries) has made final plans for this year's Spring Youth Gathering, Outward '18!! The event, scheduled for Friday, April 13 to Sunday, April 15, at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool NY, will be here before we know it! Keep an eye on our church Facebook page and the Upper NY Conference Website and CCYM Ministries page, in the coming weeks, for more information about the event. Registration will be opening in mid-February.

****See announcement on previous page for information on upcoming Confirmation Class!****

church-wide Alignment Workshop

McKownville United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 17
9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Conference Lead Workshop on rediscovering and aligning our Church Vision, Mission and Values to our local context.



*Led by Rev. Aaron Bouwens, the full-time director of Vital Congregations for the Upper New York Conference.

Rev. Bouwens has led many events and meetings like this and is an expert!

All are welcome!

We encourage Church Leaders, Church Team Leaders, and Church Members & Attendees to come.

Café Cabarèt

Saturday, April 28th

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

McKownville United Methodist Church

1565 Western Avenue

(¼ mi. East of the Crossgates Entrance)

Featuring Performances by:

**Abigail, Lelaina, Rachel, Dakota,
and More!**

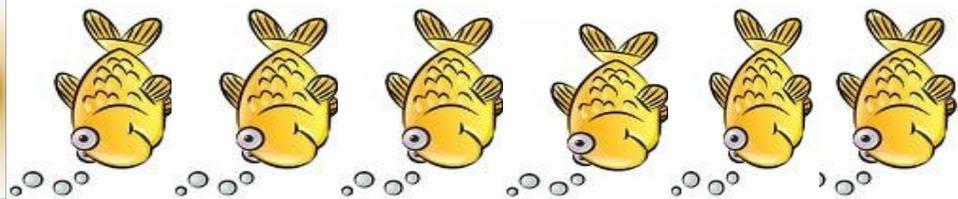
Admission is \$5 per person

Light Refreshments available for purchase.



*Hosted by:
The Guilderland Youth Group*

*Proceeds to Benefit the
Guilderland Youth Group's Trip to Y19*



Lenten Fish Fry

**McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue**

Friday, March 23, 2018

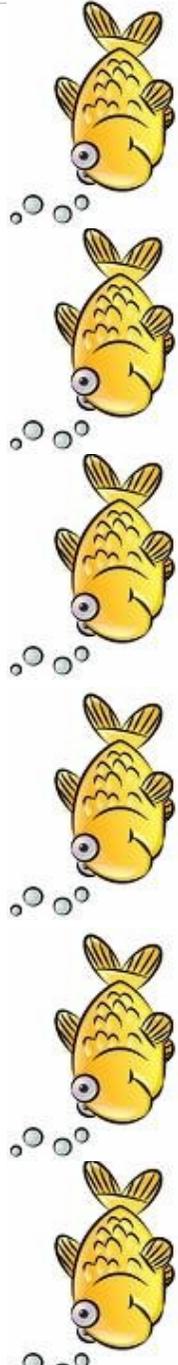
Lunch: 11am-2pm

Dinner: 4pm-7pm

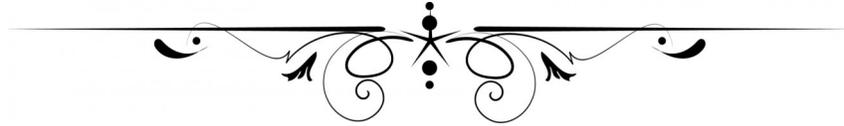
Dinner \$10.00 – includes fish sandwich, coleslaw, fries or onion rings & sauce

Fish fry only \$8.00

Child's dinner \$8.00



Mission Opportunities



Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ canned fruit
- ♥ laundry detergent
- ♥ dish soap
- ♥ spaghetti sauce
- ♥ prepared Dinty Moore meals
- ♥ cream of mushroom soup
- ♥ granola bars

<https://www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com>

God bless you and your congregation.

You continue to feed 145 families each month. 93 families participate in our holiday meal program.

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Become a Foster Grandparent

A volunteer opportunity for seniors.

Greetings Church Officials and Members!

We here at the Capital District Foster Grandparent Program would like to introduce ourselves and what we do in the community!

We are looking to recruit seniors age 55 and over who love children and have a strong desire to make a difference in their lives. This is also an opportunity for eligible seniors to give back to their community and receive a tax-free stipend for their service. We have volunteers in various classroom settings helping children from infancy to age 21 throughout Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga counties. The mission is to help students improve in math and/or literacy.

In addition to the great benefit of intergenerational mentoring, our volunteers have the opportunity to make new friends and participate in trainings, meetings, and social events. The program has been in existence for 50+ years and is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service and sponsored by CEO.

Look for flyers with more information.

Mission to Cameroon: Weekly Journey

Check out our church website to follow a weekly journey written by a former MUMC member traveling with and serving on the Africa Mercy out of Cameroon! Weeks 1 and 2 are already posted and can be found under the



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.)

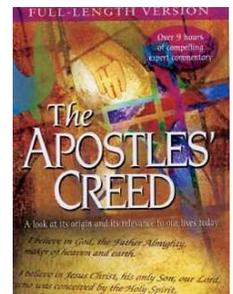
- Amadeus [1984]
- Babette’s Feast [1987]
- Chariots of Fire [1981]
- Crimes and Misdemeanors [1989]
- Do the Right Think [1989]
- The Elephant Man [1980]
- Field of Dreams [1989]
- The Mission [1986]
- Places in the Heart [1984]
- Wings of Desire [1987]
- American Beauty [1999]
- Breaking the Waves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

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

MARCH DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
March 4	Vicky Lockman Pauline Martin	Alex Burns
March 11 (Daylight Savings— Spring Ahead!)	Gene Gee Pauline Martin	Elizabeth Mensah
March 18	Barbara and Paul Cullen	Todd Nemec
March 25	Darcienne Leizer Tricia Stott	Thomas Myers
April 1	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Pat Beauregard



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.*

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

No anniversaries.

Birthdays

1 – Casey O'Hare
1 – Rich Bond
2 – Dan Smith
2 – Pam Weis
7 – Nancy Clarke
7 – Terry O'Neill
8 – Christopher Visker
9 – Doreen Moore
9 – Marguerite Quintyne
12 – Candace Goodman
12 – Carol Barre
12 – Patricia Schambach

13 – Lela Berger
14 – Marillynn Avery
17 – Delores Campbell
17 – John Fox
18 – Brian Liotta
18 – Scott Lutz
22 – Jennifer Gish
23 – Connie Stott
24 – Lauren Graham
26 – Corey Arnott
27 – Beverly Davies
29 – Jennifer Grupe



MARCH

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
<p>Sundays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 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 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 4:00 pm—Quintessence Rehearsal ⇒ 4:30 pm—Wesley Ringers Rehearsal ⇒ 5:45 pm—New Song Rehearsal ⇒ 6:30 pm—Higher Up Rehearsal <p>**SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR CHANGES!</p>	1	2	3
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. Confirmation Meeting	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	Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	A.A. 7:00 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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A POEM FOR EASTER

by The Rev R. Preston Price

Like a blade of grass pushing up stubbornly through the sidewalk. Or Like the butterfly emerging from the tomb-like chrysalis. But much more.

Like the seed after years of dormant death sending up sprout. Or Like the brown bulb breaking forth from brown earth into brilliant color. But much more.

Like brilliant daybreak after stormy, darkened night. Or Like a rainbow mystically appearing amidst the rain. But much more.

Like a patient making an unexpected, unpredicted turn for health. Or Like the pine cone opening to spread seed only after touched by fiery death. But much more.

Like a beautiful vase emerging from a lump of clay in the potter's hands. Or Like a hidden spring burbling forth in the middle of a barren desert. But much more.

Like the surprise of Spring's buds pushing aside Winter's snow. or Like someone finally emerging from the fatality of addiction. But much more.

So, it comes.
Nothing else like it.
No image adequate. No simile. No metaphor.

Unable to talk about it but inadequately
We celebrate this great, real mystery that
Neither language nor imagination can
encompass.

Easter!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-poem-for-easter>

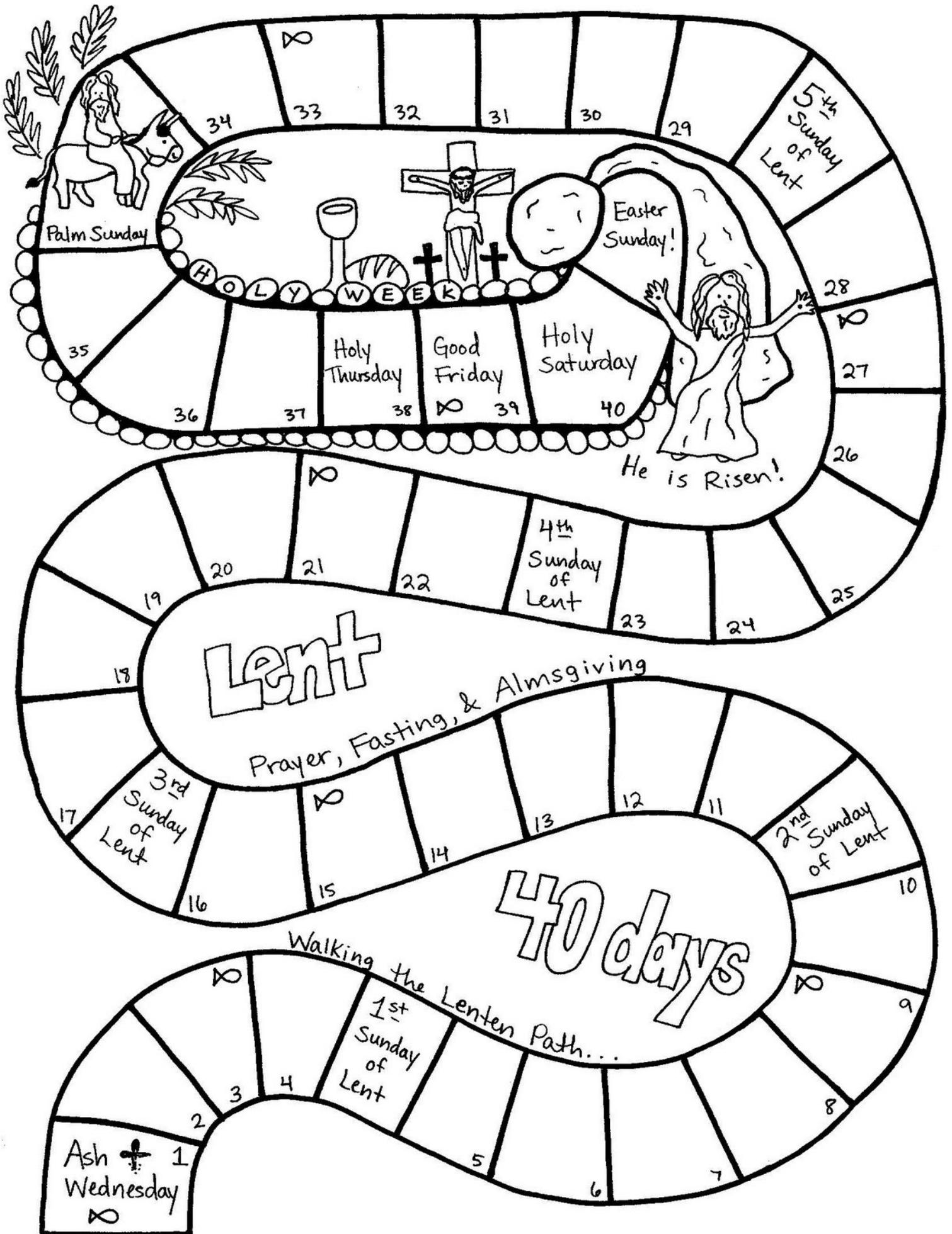
The Importance of the Egg: Children and Easter

Do you know the symbolism of the egg in regards to Easter? Watch this video at <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/the-importance-of-the-egg-children-and-easter> or on YouTube with your children to teach them!



Experts from the age of five to ten, as well as the Rev. MaryJane Pierce Norton, talk about the traditions of the Easter egg — from hunting eggs, to coloring them, to the egg as a symbol of new life. The egg became associated with Easter somewhere near the 400s and was often a food that was given up at Lent. According to Norton, “In some of the early church traditions, people brought their eggs to the church to be blessed before they ate them, as the first joyful food of Easter.”

Color in the days one by one!

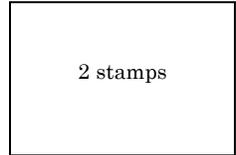


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