

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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Love God, Follow Jesus and Pass It On!

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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Christ is Risen!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Palm Sunday

April 9th-Normal Service Times

Holy Thursday Service

April 13th - 7:30 pm
Nancy Pullen

Good Friday Service

April 14th - 7:30 pm
Alan Rhodes

Easter Services

April 16th-Normal Service Times



HAPPY EASTER

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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<https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch/>



A Harvard University study concludes that the more you're involved in the long-term plan, the more successful you can be. So if you want your life to be successful, focus on the long-term plan, not on the short-term plan. If you focus on today, here and now, the possibility of success will go down. So their advice is that we need a clear long-term picture or plan. By the same token, we need a clear vision for our church.

Jesus was the ultimate vision caster. Let me show you some of the visionary statements made by Jesus. "Look around and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting." "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move this mountain." "Go and make disciples of all nations." And in like manner John Wesley the founder of our Methodist Church said, "The World is my parish."

What kind of vision do we have for our church? It's a mosaic of Jesus. A Mosaic church is the vision that God has given to us, I believe. I shared this image a couple of years ago but stopped talking about it for almost two years. Now I am willing to bring this image back to our attention. Over the last couple of weeks I have prayed for the vision and direction of our church, this image came back to me again and again. I believe, both as a pastor and a person in faith journey, this is the vision God gives us to our church.

This is biblically sound and contextually appealing. There are many biblical sources supporting this image for us. Here are some of many examples. Jesus prayed for us to become one, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they believe that you have sent me." (John 17: 20-21). Paul wrote in his letter to the Christians in Galatia, "... for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29). And we gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, relying on his promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20).



A mosaic is a design or decoration made up of small pieces of colored material. In a mosaic, no piece is outstanding or dominating, but instead working together and making a beautiful picture together. In the church, as a mosaic, everybody is special, everybody is unique, and everybody is needed. Differences are accepted; diversities are cherished. Generational, age, gender, racial, ethnic, cultural, and political differences and diversities are gathered here. All the pieces are making harmony and one picture and together we are making a church. This is our vision.

By Charlie Yang





He's There...for you

One of the most comforting thoughts is knowing that someone is “*there for you*”. Maybe it’s a friend, your spouse, a parent or perhaps a teacher or someone you work with? Through the good times and bad, it’s reassuring to know that someone who cares about you is nearby, many times offering the encouragement we need just by their presence, without even saying a word.

As I look back on my earlier years, I realize how fortunate I was to have my dad. He was a dad that was there for me through thick and thin. *Pee wee football game on Sunday morning?* Dad was there. *Wrestling match on Wednesday night, when he worked the afternoon shift?* He found a way to make it. *Christmas choir at the middle school?* Dad was there. And yes, through the troublesome times as well. *Got sent to the principal?* Dad would field the call. *Trouble in the dorms at college?* Not a pleasant phone call, but I knew I could count on him to help.

Dad is no longer with me in the physical sense, but he is sure there spiritually. In fact, there’s times when I think I’m asking for more advice from him now than I did while he was here.

When we look for someone to be in our corner, what an opportunity Lent gives us to reflect on the One who never leaves our side. Going far beyond what any human could do, Jesus came into the world to save us, to forgive us, to be there for us in every circumstance, every day. When we think about the meaning of Lent and continue to prepare during the 40 days leading up to Jesus’ resurrection, all we need to do is look toward the Cross to know that Jesus is there, for us.

Jesus, in His human body, sacrificed His life so we could live. He did for us what no one else could do, or will ever do. As He walked toward his brutal Crucifixion, He knew exactly what He was doing and why. He endured the physical pain for our sins, so we could be forgiven and live our eternal lives with Him.

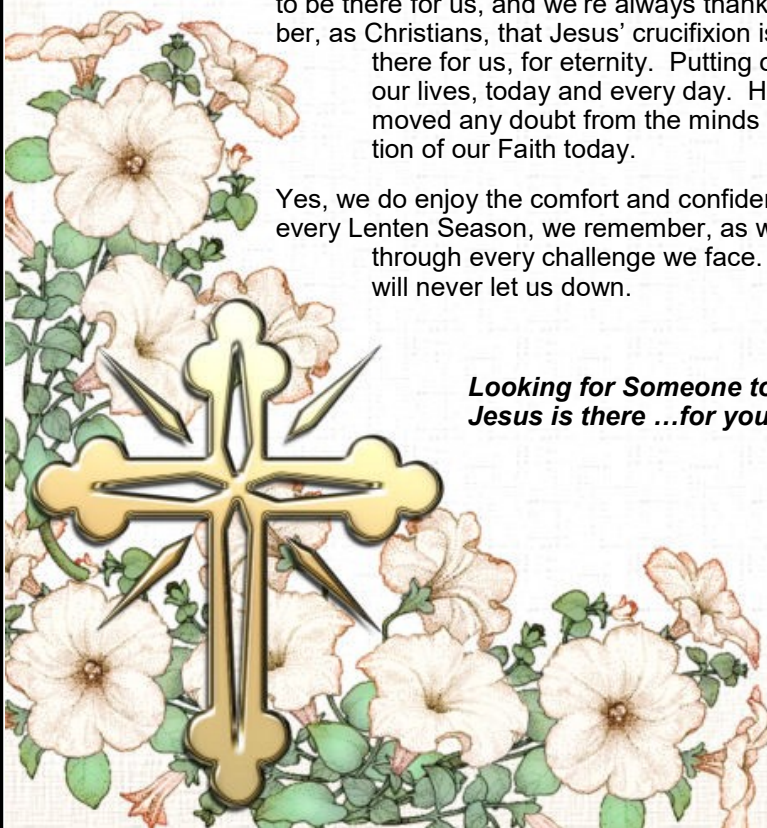
Lent is a time of deep reflection, and Easter is a time of celebration. We all look for someone in our lives to be there for us, and we’re always thankful to when they are there for us. Let’s remember, as Christians, that Jesus’ crucifixion is proof that He was there, is there and will be there for us, for eternity. Putting our Faith in the Lord guarantees His presence in our lives, today and every day. His empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday removed any doubt from the minds of His followers then, and remains the foundation of our Faith today.

Yes, we do enjoy the comfort and confidence know that there’s someone there for us, and every Lenten Season, we remember, as we look at the Cross, that Jesus is there for us, through every challenge we face. God our Father raised Jesus up - and Jesus will never let us down.

***Looking for Someone to be there for you?? Look to the Cross.
Jesus is there ...for you!!***

***Have a wonderful Easter
Celebration,***

Dom Perfetti



Journey Through Holy Week

Holy Week is the time that we, as the church, commemorate, reflect upon, and reenact the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, each day of Holy Week has its own significance and particular celebrations. In general, the church is encouraged to follow the biblical stories corresponding to each day represented in Holy Week: beginning with Christ's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, moving through the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, and leading us toward the Resurrection on Easter morning. The Holy Week story highlights the contrast between the excitement and celebration at the beginning of the week, the sadness and suffering throughout week, and the miraculous and joyous nature of its ending.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion), the last Sunday in the Lenten Season, commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his crucifixion. As he entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their long-awaited messiah king, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" What would it have been like to walk in the midst of the crowd, celebrating the new king?

Holy Thursday

Holy or Maundy Thursday (from the Latin "Dias Mandatum," meaning "the day of the new commandment") is a celebration of the last supper that Jesus took with his disciples, family, and friends. It was during this traditional Passover meal that Jesus initiated the Christian sacrament of the Eucharist, also known as the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. What would it have been like to sit around the table, receiving the bread and wine from Jesus' hands?

Good Friday

Good Friday (from the German "Gute Freitag," meaning "good, holy, or God's Friday") is perhaps the most solemn and profound day of Holy Week. This day commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus as the pinnacle of the week, experienced with great humility and reverence. One of the oldest traditions of this day is the Veneration of the Cross, where the faithful honor a wooden cross with ritual acts of devotion. What would it have been like to kneel at the foot of the cross, facing the suffering and death of a beloved friend?

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday follows Holy Week, the end of the season of Lent. Easter (also called the "Pascha") is the traditional feast celebrating Jesus' resurrection from the dead and begins the fifty-day season of the church year called Eastertide. Easter is a time of great joy and miraculous wonder as we celebrate the presence of the risen Lord in our lives. What would it have been like to stand with the risen Lord that first Easter morning, experiencing the joy of a new way of life?



Two Members to Zimbabwe!

On July 14th, Henry Walter and Darcianne Leizer will be joining a volunteer in mission team of 9 people going to Zimbabwe as a relationship building team. The team will be visiting Africa University, Fairfield Children's Homes orphanage, Ishe Anesu school, as well as spending time at Mutambara Methodist Mission.

Majority of the time will be at the Mutambara Methodist Mission, where the team will be doing light construction projects, painting rooms and working on sewing and cooking projects with the pregnant women who stay there for a month awaiting delivery of their babies. At Fairfield Orphanage and Ishe Anesu School the team will participate in activities with the children of the school and orphanage, with crafts, games and reading time.

This mission trip is the church mission fund at work. Both Henry and Darcianne received money toward the trip from the mission fund that is supplied by the pumpkin sales each year. Thank you for your continued monetary support, prayers and time for mission trips.



Join us for a potluck dinner to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Mefor.

Missionaries visiting McKownville United Methodist Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Mefor are going to be speaking at McKownville United Methodist Church on April 18th at 7pm. Dr. and Mrs. Mefor are missionaries at Mutambara, Zimbabwe, Africa, which is where Henry Walter and Darcianne Leizer's mission team will be visiting in July.

Dr. and Mrs. Mefor's are missionaries with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church

and their home country is Nigeria, Africa. Dr.

Emmanuel Ufonna Mefor, a medical doctor, while his wife, Florence Ogugua Mefor is a nurse mid-wife.

Dr. Mefor, a native of Kano, Nigeria, Emmanuel earned his medical degree at the University of Maiduguri College of Medicine in Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria. In 1997 Dr. Mefor began his service with GBGM as a Person in Mission (PIM) through the Global Mission Partners program. He served as a general practitioner at Chicique Hospital in Mozambique from 1995 to 2003, and from 2003 until late 2006 he was with the UMC Rural Health Program in his home country.

Mrs. Mefor is a native of Abatete, Nigeria. Florence became a registered midwife following studies at the School of Midwifery in Awgu, Nigeria. She earned her nursing degree from the School of Nursing in Jos and spent 14 years nursing at the Evangel Hospital in Jos, which is in Nigeria's Plateau State. Florence served at the Chicique Hospital in Mozambique from 1999 to 2003, and in her home country with the UMC Rural Health Program from 2003 until late 2006. Before her commissioning as a GBGM missionary, she served at Chicique as a person in mission(PIM) through the GBGM's Global Mission Partners program.

Dr. and Mrs. Mefor have three children, Chukwuebuka, Osita Jude, and Anulika.

The potluck dinner will be at 6pm followed by Dr. and Mrs. Mefor speaking about their mission. The dinner will be in the back of the sanctuary, so there will be no kitchen available. This could be a chance for you to use your crock pot. Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, contact Darcianne Leizer.

United Methodist bishop part of “Finding Jesus” series on CNN

By Christopher Fenoglio
March 9, 2017
for UMC.org



A United Methodist bishop contributes to several new episodes in a television series about notable individuals and events during the time of Jesus.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, from the California-Nevada Annual Conference, provides expert commentary in the latest season of “Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact, Forgery” airing Sunday evenings at 9 p.m. ET/PT on CNN.

In each show, scholars and clergy examine what the Bible tell us about the historical Jesus. The producers combine these discussions with footage of archaeological discoveries of potentially key artifacts and reenactments of notable events during this period.

Archaeology and historical research work fascinate me,” says Bishop Carcaño. “I am always open to learning more. It helps to strengthen my biblical scholarship, which helps me with my preaching and my teaching. The archaeological and historical work cause us to stop and reflect on Scripture in a different way.”

The second season of “Finding Jesus” has attracted good viewership numbers, especially with adults age 18-34. Bishop Carcaño believes that United Methodists can learn a great deal about Jesus’ life from the historical research.

In the March 19 episode, “The Boyhood Home of Jesus,” she states “The series can make a difference in how we reflect upon Scripture. If in fact this is the boyhood home of Jesus, it would be amazing and wonderful to touch something that Jesus touched. We all have the human tendency to touch, to know more through our senses, but ultimately it is about faith. We need to have a balance between the human need for the tangible and our faith. In this balance, we can feel the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.”

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During the season of Lent, when we are taking more time to examine our conscience, read more Scripture, and practice acts of kindness and sacrifice, there is value in learning more about the life of Jesus.

“This series and other archaeological and historical research are tremendous resources for finding Jesus anew,” says Carcaño. “We learn more about the day and age in which Jesus grew up, what human suffering he endured. Understanding how Jesus lived can help us know how we should live. It informs us how to be better disciples in this world.”

Carcaño provides commentary in three episodes: “Raising Lazarus” (March 12), “The Childhood Home of Jesus” (March 19) and “The Tomb of King Herod” (March 26). Additional episodes in the second season are “The Pilate Stone” (March 5), “The Bones of St. Peter” (April 2), and “Doubting Thomas” (April 9).

“Finding Jesus: Faith, Fact, Forgery” airs Sundays at 9 p.m. ET/PT on CNN.



Women Together

This picture shows **WOMEN TOGETHER** enjoying a Mardi Gras theme when they met in February. They first organized in July of 2014. There are eight women who meet monthly in member's homes. If you are an older woman and find yourself alone and in need of some company, you may wish to join us!

Speak with Dorothy Ellinwood or Emma Herenden for more information.



Board of
Cooperative
Educational
Services

Capital Region BOCES will be using our building April 24th through 26th.

We are looking for volunteers to help welcome the group as well as answer any questions and manage the food table.

Shifts are as follows:

All three days -

7:00 am—10:00 am

10:00 am—1:00 pm

1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Please email Kelly Visker for more information or to sign up for a shift.

kvisker@knowledgebuilders.com

YOUTH NEWS

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

Sunday April 2th - 7:00 pm Meeting—Service Project: Pack health kits
- *Please bring \$2.00 by 3/26 for supplies*

Friday April 7th - 11:00 am-7:00 pm—FISH FRY FIRDAY!!!
- Lunch and Dinner...Eat in or take out...Spread the Word...Presale Tickets
- **Volunteers Needed!!** Come right off the bus to the Church!

Sunday April 16th - Happy Easter! No meeting.

Sunday April 23rd - No meeting. (End of break week.)



Friday April 28th 7:00 pm through Saturday April 29th 6:00pm -

30 Hour Famine - Lock in at Church
- Break Fast with Family Supper at 6:00 pm Saturday with our Pot Luck Dinner
- Bring a dish to pass!



*Sponsorship donation \$5 on the first Sunday of each month for Awa.

LOOKING AHEAD -

- ◇ Trip to Mission Central this summer
- ◇ Skye Farm Camp Brochures have been released—see Angela Stott for Scholarship information!





What is the 30 Hour Famine?

Students around the world loving God and fighting hunger.

Go hungry to help hungry kids

Our Youth will grow closer to Christ and each other as they fast together for 30 hours and raise funds to fight hunger. What's more, when we do the Famine we're challenging our students to be part of something bigger than themselves. To take action for God's kingdom. To help save the lives of hungry kids. To permanently change the way your students see the world.

How the Famine works

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. — and thousands more around the world — unite through World Vision's 30 Hour Famine to feed hungry children and families. **Sponsor a youth for our 30 hour fast by pledging or donating to them.**

Help BREAK OUR FAST!!!

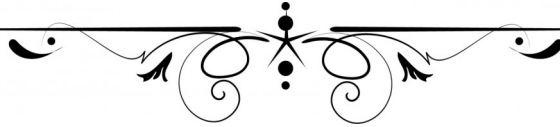
PotLuck Dinner Saturday 4/29 6pm – 7pm

Bring a dish to share to help our youth break their fast.

A donation will be collected and all proceeds go to World Vision.

"I did not think could go 30 hours without food. But when I learned what it was like and kids like me go through it every day, 30 hours did not seem so long."

Mission Opportunities



Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ Crackers
- ♥ Nuts
- ♥ Granola Bars
- ♥ Snack Packs
- ♥ Apple Sauce
- ♥ Juice
- ♥ Rice
- ♥ Chunky Soup
- ♥ Barley
- ♥ Quinoa

Become a Literacy Volunteer!

Literacy New York Greater Capital Region is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing confidential instruction by trained staff and volunteers to individuals who wish to improve their reading, writing, math and/or English fluency skills. Our **free** educational services include: basic literacy instruction in reading, writing and math; preparation for the HSE; ELL (English Language Learning) tutoring and group instruction; tutoring and application assistance for the citizenship exam.

We are currently seeking volunteer tutors for multiple locations throughout Albany county.

Tutors: Tutors work one-on-one with adults who wish to improve their basic literacy or English Language skills. Tutors meet with learners at mutually convenient times in a public location, such as a library or coffee shop for a minimum of 2 hours per week. Tutors *must* be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, and the ability to read, write, and speak English.



National MS Society - Upper New York Chapter

We are looking for a Project Coordinator!

Do you have experience with planning, supporting, and leading special events?

We are looking for project coordinators for our task forces. A task force is a driven group of volunteers whose members enthusiastically take on a specific role within the group to create a successful event. For example, a member may focus on marketing the event and another member may focus on event logistics. Do you have a skill that you can lend to help plan an event in your area?

If you are interested in making a difference in your community by working on a special event team, then we hope you will join us. Share your creativity and enthusiasm for a world free of MS as part of the event planning team. Please contact us today! <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/NYR>

Also for the National MS Society:

Looking Ahead- Sun May 21, 2017, 07:00 am - 1:00 pm @ the Tri-City ValleyCats Stadium

We need your help at this one-time event to create a world free of MS! Be the friendly face that welcomes event participants, Help as part of the set-up or cleaning crew, Direct people to parking and registration, Help at rest stops with water and snacks, And several other opportunities! There are many different ways to get involved and help make this event successful while working towards a world free of MS. If you are interested, contact us today!

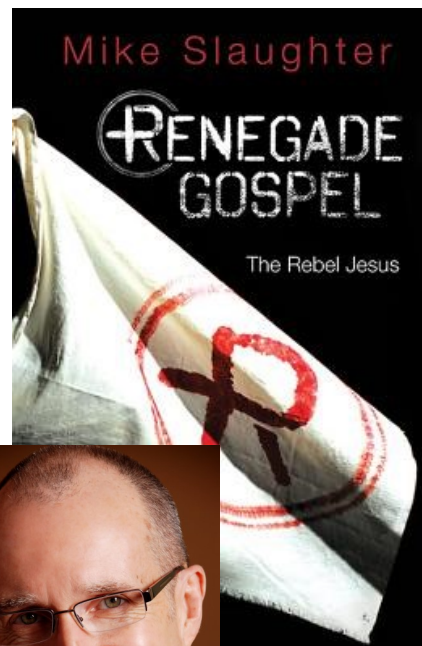


Adult Study

**Sunday morning 9:30-10:30
and
Monday evening 7:00-8:00.**

**Beginning March 12
continuing for six weeks:**

The new study topic will be "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus". Each lesson begins with a ten minute video presentation by Mike Slaughter and helpers. Watchers then respond to the video. No reading! Listen and converse!



JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!

Topics: Discovering the Rebel Jesus; Revolutionary Lifestyle; Most Important Question; Seeing Jesus Today; the Way of the Cross; Resurrection.

Easter Memorial Plants

Don't forget to order your beautiful Easter memorial flower arrangement! Dedicate it to someone special or honor your loved ones. The deadline to order is Friday, April 7th. Flowers can be taken home after service on Easter Sunday! SEE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 13 OR PICK ONE UP IN THE SANCTUARY Sunday!

Tables and Chairs Rentals

Spring is here! If you are planning on borrowing tables or chairs for your spring activities, please make sure to sign them out on the sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please keep in mind that only 10 tables can be signed out on any given day, No tables may be signed out on May 6th due to the barbeque. Chairs with wooden seats are also available to be borrowed. Please do not remove metal seated chairs from the church.

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.



Congratulations Euni

Congrats to Euni Yang on the grand opening of her tailor shop, Urban Tailor in Star Plaza on Friday, April 7th! We wish you the best of luck!



CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

SUNDAY, MAY 7th starting at 1:00 pm
- Walkers and Pledges will be needed! -

What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program.

Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall work of Church World Service, particularly grassroots development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs - something CWS has learned through 70 years of working in partnership around the world.



DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN... UNLESS? —SPRING EVENT—

Jesus calls us to love and serve our neighbor, but at what cost?

Does loving with abandon to share HIS love mean we must put ourselves at risk?

Jesus sets a clear example for us. He is even quoted in the bible as saying that providing for the hungry, thirsty, poor or imprisoned is showing compassion for Jesus himself! But what if providing service to others means putting ourselves in a position which could lead to trouble for us? More often than not situations are not simply right or wrong, but have grey areas to navigate. We may not be seeking *reward* for good works, but how do we avoid or at least minimize consequences in those grey areas?

Join us as we explore these questions and more. Delve into how scripture calls us to be servants, and what that might mean in today's world. Work through real world scenarios and discuss what you might choose when face to face with reality.

Saturday, June 10th 11am – 5pm

Registration opens at 10:30am

Location: McKownville UMC Celebration Center

Lunch & Snacks Provided. Cost \$7 pp to cover cost of food and materials.

Open to Youth and Adults, separated into age appropriate discussion groups during break-out sessions.

Reserve your space by calling the MUMC Office at 456-1148

Easter Memorial Plants



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 April 7th, 2017 (AT THE VERY LATEST)!

- _____ \$11.00 Lily
- _____ \$23.00 Azalea
- _____ \$11.50 Mum ____ Yellow ____ White ____ Lavender
- _____ \$11.00 Hyacinth ____ Blue ____ Pink
- _____ \$11.00 Tulip
- _____ \$11.00 Daffodil
- _____ \$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.



Lenten Fish Fry

McKownville United Methodist Church

1565 Western Avenue

Friday, April 7, 2017

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

Brooks Chicken BBQ

SATURDAY, May 6th
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)



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APRIL DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
April 2	Susan and Bill Burns	Tricia Stott
April 9	Sue Sims, Angela Stott	Norman Swanson
April 16	Elizabeth Mensah, Pauline Martin	Monte Waters
April 23	Bob Griffin, Tod Nemic	Eugene Gee
April 30	Kristen and Monte Waters	Angela Stott



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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

11 – Paul & Beth Berger
11 – David & Carol Martin
17 – Stephen & JoAnna DiDonna
20 – Barbara & Paul Cullen

Birthdays

1 – Robert Schambach
1 – Mark LaFave
2 – Teri Scoville
4 – Jill Eistertz
5 – Tracy Shropshire
7 – Bill Seim
8 – Susan Burns
11 – David Gooding
12 – Morgan Jones
13 -- Eric Mastrogiovanni
15 – Kim Atwood
15 – Paul Cullen
16 – Kathryn Liotta

17 – Meagan Markessinis
17 – Matthew Steffens
18 – Laura Marotta
18 – Marc Barre
19 – Rick O'Hare
20 – Julie Evans
24 – Donna Bender
24 – Stacie Wilson
25 – Steve Butler
27 – Ann Bowen
29 – Chris DeVall
29 – Emily Gray
30 – Melissa Berger





APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service 11:00 am Adult Forum	3 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	4 Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	5 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	6 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm	7 UMC District Event 4:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	8 A.A. 7:00 am
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An Easter poem by Jeanette Dowdell of North Shore United Methodist Church.

"Easter Love"

*Alleluia! Alleluia!
It is Easter morn,*

*Watch the sun rise,
Lift your eyes, beyond the skies,
That is where freedom can be found,
A point beyond our bound,
Therein lies the foundation of our faith, our belief,
Believing without seeing - simply feeling, knowing God's love - relief,*

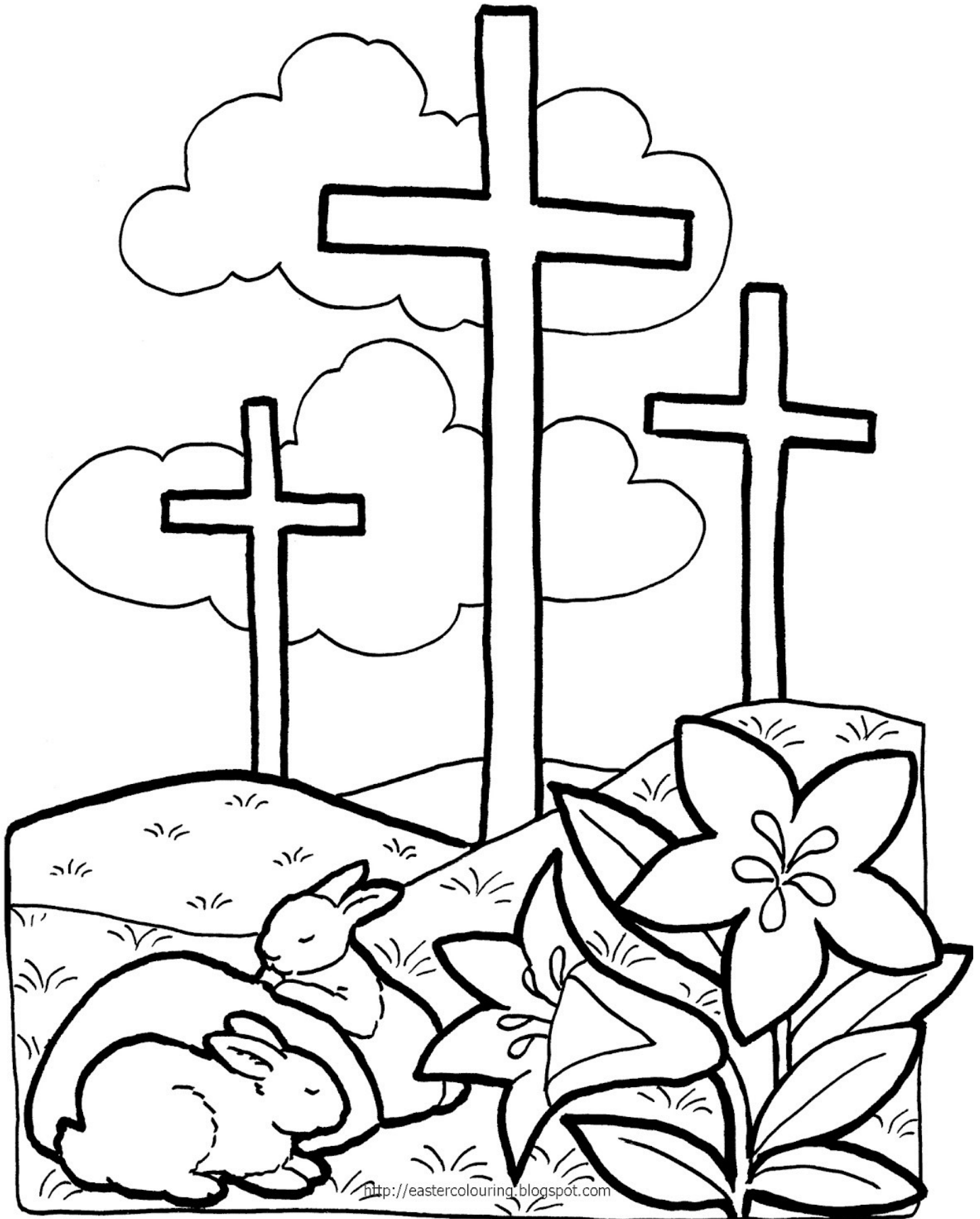
*Alleluia! Alleluia!
It is Easter morn,*

*We are free from sin,
Easter renews that spirit deep within,
Christ walked our way; He endured human suffering before He took leave,
A time for so many to grieve,
But as promised, He arose from the dead,
With great joy and praise, the word quickly spread,
Today, we celebrate His life, that joyful priceless gift, given so long ago,
That gift from which all our blessings flow,
And with praises, we lift our voices strong,
Thank you, thank you, thank you, to You we belong,*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!*



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