

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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Love God, Follow Jesus and Pass It On!

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*Spirit Filled, Mission Driven*

*Articles for the  
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Newsletter are  
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opportunities, fun activities  
and more!



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*From the Pastor...*

Time flies. I feel times flies faster than ever before. Some say that if one feels that way she is getting older than she actually thinks. I am thinking of the footprints that I have made through the year. I have some regrets, and am also grateful to God for all the blessings that I have

seen throughout the year. I also want to express my gratitude to all the family members in our church for many reasons.

Advent Season begins this coming Sunday. Advent Season, the beginning season of the Christian calendar, is a good time to start afresh, not only by reflecting on and taking action in our faith and relationship with God, but also by inviting people into their own fresh start in their relationship with God.

At the last Church Leaders meeting, we decided to continue having two worships. There are some challenges, but these can be opportunities to make progress and we are determined to challenge ourselves.

Among many church ministries and activities, worship is the single most important act of faith. No one can deny or belittle the importance of worship with any reason. And so our shared energy and efforts should be put into making our worship more experiential and relevant. In order to enrich the quality of worship we need to invest more time and energy. For this purpose, we need to do adopt and apply diverse ways and methods such as designating a worship design team, using skits or drama, and applying diverse images and props.

The motto "Spirit-filled, Mission-driven" will be emphasized more often, since we believe that this is biblically sound and practically focused. This motto teaches us what we need to focus on and where we need to go as a church.

The Christ-given mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). What we do as a church should be evaluated and directed according to this mission. We need to increase our efforts and energy in connecting with and inviting people to church. Reviving passion for sharing faith and inviting people into the relationship with Jesus Christ is needed more than ever.

According to studies, personal invitation has been the biggest reason why people come to church. More than sixty percent of people started coming to church because they were invited by someone. Let us keep encouraging and supporting one another in this precious ministry.

Let me end my words of the Church Newsletter for the year by quoting Paul's words, "Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure..." (2 Corinthians 13:11-12).

Charlie Yang 



# Quality Time

My wife and I recently attended a small group class on the *languages of love*. *What's that mean??* In a nutshell, it was learning about what fills your "love tank". *Is it important to hear positive words of affirmation? Do you wish you had more quality time with your spouse? Is receiving or giving gifts high on your list?* I won't go into each of the love languages we studied, but it quickly became clear that quality time ranked the highest.

After the class, I began thinking about the upcoming Holiday season, and how easy it is for us to get caught up in the expectations and demands of the world around us. The Holidays can fly by in a whirlwind, and when we look back, we may find ourselves wondering how everything happened so fast, and if we really spent true quality time with our loved ones.

Jesus tells us the story of visiting the home of Mary and Martha. Martha was a non-stop worker - cooking, cleaning and preparing everything to perfection for Jesus' visit; while Mary sat relaxed, enjoying time with her Savior. Martha was so upset that she asked Jesus why Mary wasn't helping more! Jesus' response was simple. He made it clear that Mary was spending time with Him while she had the opportunity. All the work and effort that Martha was pouring into the evening, although appreciated, was not as important as spending time with Jesus. He wanted quality time with His guests!

As we approach the Holidays, let's give some thought to a gift that can make all the difference in the world to our loved ones. It won't impact our bank accounts, but it will cost us some of our time. Quality time with our friends and families are the times that create our lifelong memories. In a blink of an eye, we'll be turning the page to another New Year. We have several weeks ahead of us to make the most of this year's special days. Jesus is looking for us to spend some quality time with Him, I'm sure our loved ones are looking for the same.

As we prepare ourselves to start searching for the perfect gift for those close to us, let's remember the Perfect Gift that was given to us on that first Christmas night. With Jesus in mind, let's also remember that as we look for presents for our loved ones, they might just be simply looking for our presence!!

Have a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season, and reflecting on Jesus' visit with Martha and Mary, may we all have a **"Mary" Christmas!**

God Bless,

*Dom Perfetti*





## Welcome every one of you to the MINISTRY OF HEALING.

We are entering in the month of December, 2017 for the preparation to welcome the Holy Child of Christ and prepare our home and our self. 2000 years before also believer's were waiting for the Messiah to be born.

Before the Lord Jesus Christ was born the prophet Isaiah prophesied this to us (chapter 9:6), "**For a child has been born for us a son given us the authority rest upon his shoulders; and he is named wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.**"

Waiting for some one arrival or waiting for a child is very hard. Even before 2000 years some of them waited for to have a child. Come let us enter into the tent of Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18:1-14, Genesis 21:1-3) They were waiting for a Child. Let us go to the house of a priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:12-17). These two couples were waiting for a child but they were very old and they passed the child birth ages.

And let us go to Mary's house the chosen one who is just a teenager who returned from her education graduation from the Jerusalem Temple School. Not yet married to have a Child.

Is it possible these wonderful people of faith to have a child? but Genesis 18:14 the word Of God says, "**Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?.**"

The prophet Isaiah say's in the chapter 66:9, "**Shall I the one who delivers, shut the womb**" says the Lord. Is these scriptures will come true in our present world which is filled with mordant Medicines and digital equipment's? My experience of serving to God Almighty and I saw the miracle.

Please read the above Scriptures and continue read my true witness:

The Meat shop owner's name is Bhasha and his wife name Fathima. They were Muslim believer's. As Basha promised he and his wife came to my house the same day that evening. They may have thought as first I would guide them to a OB/GYN clinic. My self and my husband George Ezekiel invited them, and I asked them this, "Dear sister and brother before I guide you to a OB/GYN, can I say a Word of Prayer for you both."

Immediately they both knelt and bowed their heads for the prayer. I saw there strong faith in God. My elf and my husband also knelt, I thanked God, I took my Bible and read Isaiah 66:9 and prayed, "Lord God Almighty you promised that you are the Lord for the delivery and shut the womb. Let your healing power touch Fathima's womb and heal to have a Child. Now we are going to meet an Ob/Gyn Dr. K.Kabir MD. May Your healing power also work through this doctor to help Basha and Fathime.

I guided them to Dr. K.Kabir's own private clinic. (I also served as her unit as charge Nurse and Midwife in a Government Hospital.) The doctor took all the needed diagnostic blood work and other tests.

The couple got advice to wait for couple of days to hear the report's. I send them home with much encouragement and blessings. After a couple of days they got all the tests and reports of with good news; nothing was wrong. Fathima conceived pregnancy on the same month. No medicine or other treatment. Praise the Lord God almighty. The couple was filled with amazing joy and peace. I continued my prayers for them and encouraged them to be in faith with God almighty. Fathima continued her follow up with Dr. K.Kbir MD. Wait for another miracle.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Olive Ezekiel  
Minister for Healing





# Church Christmas Party



5:30 pm Social Time - appetizers and hors d'oeuvres  
6:00 pm Dinner

After dinner entertainment by  
**The High Peaks Bluegrass Band**  
(band members: Steve Butler, Tom Behan and Jamie Moore)  
Congregation, Relatives and Friends Invited!

Proceeds to benefit Albany City Rescue Mission and to purchase tables for our church.

## **Christmas Dinner - December 16, 2017** **Reservation Slip**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (5-12): \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children under 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Free

### **Help is needed at the Christmas Dinner**

There is a little help needed at the Christmas Dinner.  
Please consider making a dessert.

Help is needed with cleaning as we go and some set up.

The signup sheets are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

**THANK YOU!**

Any questions, contact DarciAnne Leizer



*Thank you for your help in packing  
74 Christmas shoe boxes!*



## UMC MARKET

*For all of your Holiday Shopping – Give to those you love AND to your church!*

### New Donation Program!

The General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church is pleased to present UMCmarket, a tremendously rewarding opportunity to earn money for our church. UMCmarket makes it possible for our church to receive donations from retailers every time you make an online purchase. The best thing is that you don't need to change anything from how you shop today, and every small donation makes a difference. This allows our church family to do together what we cannot do alone.

### LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ONLINE!

#### Share UMCmarket with your friends!

We hope you will sign up, try UMCmarket out, and share with our church family and friends. It's easy and free, so why not rally your fellow members to do the same? See how fast your donations will make a difference! For help or any questions, UMCmarket's customer service team is ready to help. Just email them at [info@umcmarket.org](mailto:info@umcmarket.org).

*We live in a global village, and the world is our parish. When we give generously, our gifts do wonderful, life-changing things in the name of Jesus Christ.*



# Christmas Poinsettias!

Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott or mail the form and check to **ANGELA STOTT, 65 WILLOW ST., GUILDERLAND, NY 12084**. Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church, do not send cash.

**Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>**

\$5.75 Poinsettia     Red             Pink            No preference   
 \$15.75 Poinsettia     Red            \_NA\_ Pink            No preference   
 \$25.00 Poinsettia     Red only

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up plant after Christmas Eve Service

please give my plant to a shut-in.





# *Advent Lessons & Carols*



**Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm**  
**Christ the King Church**  
Sumter Avenue, Guilderland

Music by adult, youth, and handbill choirs and readings by clergy from ten Guilderland Churches.

*Offering to benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry.*

*Guilderland Interfaith Council*

## *Dates & Times to Remember*

**December 3: First Sunday of Advent**— Services as usual  
4:00 pm IFC Service @ Christ the King

**December 10: Second Sunday of Advent**— Services as usual

**December 17: Third Sunday of Advent**— Services as usual

**December 24: Christmas Eve**— 9:30 am Traditional Service with Carols  
5:00 pm Children Friendly Service  
7:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

**December 31: New Years Eve**— One (Contemporary Praise) Service at 9:30 am



## YOUTH NEWS

### **Sunday School for grades PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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

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

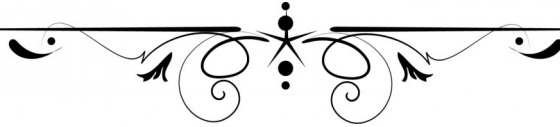
**High School:** discussion based on videos and popular movies drawing on Bible based morals in real life situations

**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](http://www.mckownvillechurch.org)

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

# Mission Opportunities



## Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ Spaghetti Sauce
- ♥ Canned Corn
- ♥ Canned Fruit
- ♥ Canned beef and chicken stew
- ♥ Campbells soup
- ♥ Chunky soup
- ♥ Toothpaste
- ♥ Cereal
- ♥ Jelly
- ♥ Soap (hand and body)
- ♥ Paper Towels

## *Mitten Tree*

With the start of Advent, on December 3rd, the mitten tree will be ready to accept hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and all the warm clothing that it can hold. Knit, crochet, sew or purchase items and place them on the tree. Since AUMS closed, the hats and mittens are donated to multiple locations in the Capital District. Some hats will be donated to the Albany Medical Center Cancer Center, mittens donated to Albany City Rescue Mission. Any questions, ask a member of the Outreach Team.



## *Christmas Angels Available*

Please select an angel from the back of the sanctuary to purchase a gift to be given to Guilderland Food Pantry clients. Bring your wrapped gift with Angel attached, on December 10th and help make someone's Christmas a little brighter. Please contact Connie Stott if you have any questions.



## 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]  
 Munnyrangabo [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

God in the Movies is an Adult Forum format that examines the plot and actions of characters in a movie, searching for “God-moments”. Is there a character who plays a “God-like” role? Does a character react to a bad situation in a “God-like” manner? Our next feature film is the Wizard of Oz, released in 1939 starring Dorothy Gale, Auntie Em, Uncle Henry, dozens of Munchkins, some Witches, several helpers, and the Wizard himself. (You may be more familiar with their stage names: Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, Billie Burke, Margaret Hamilton, Charley Grapewin, Clara Blandick, Toto, and The Singer Midgets.) This film is frequently shown during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Watch it, ponder it, and then join us at Adult Forum Sunday January 7, 2018 for a rousing discussion. Watch for announcements in December as to meeting time.

## 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

## DECEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
<b>December 3</b>	Barbara and Paul Cullen	Kelly Visker
<b>December 10</b>	Darcianne Leizer, Tricia Stott	Noreen Van Doren
<b>December 17</b>	Ildra and Carl Morse	Monte Waters
<b>December 24</b>	Elizabeth Mensah, Pauline Martin	Christy Brsuregard (single service carols 9:30 a.m.)
<b>December 31</b>	Elizabeth Mensah, Pauline Martin	N/A Praise



**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](mailto:blundyp379@aol.com)

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

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

### Anniversaries



16 – Nancy & Robert Wertman  
28 – Terry & Barbara O'Neill  
28 – Matthew & Leith Mead

### Birthdays

2 – Tim Roske  
3 – Colleen LaFave  
4 – Paul Scoville  
6 – Barbara Cullen  
7 – Megan Scolaro  
11 – Cheryl Arnott  
13 – Wendy Fox  
13 – Arthur Van Buren  
17 – Nancy Wertman  
18 – Phil Atwood  
19 – Noreen Van Doren  
19 – Evelyn Fink  
19 – Pamela Scattareggia  
21 – Lucy Gee  
21 – Walter Breakell  
22 – Sierra Liotta  
22 – Kristine Richardson  
23 – Julian Levine  
25 – Dorothy Ellinwood  
26 – Kylie Culver  
26 – Janna Neitzel  
27 – Matt Stillman  
28 – Christina Cook  
28 – Geoffrey Fox  
30 – Jason Moon



# DECEMBER

## 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	
<b>December 31</b>  One service Contemporary 9:30 am  <b>NEW YEARS EVE!</b>	<b>Sundays</b> ⇒ 9:30 am—Praise Service ⇒ 9:30 am—Adult Forum ⇒ 9:45am—Sunday School ⇒ 10:00 am—Fellowship Time ⇒ 11:00 am—Traditional Service ⇒ 2:45 pm—Praise Team Rehearsal  ⇒ 4:00 pm—Quintessence Rehearsal ⇒ 4:30 pm—Wesley Ringers Rehearsal ⇒ 5:45 pm—New Song Rehearsal ⇒ 6:30 pm—Higher Up Rehearsal  <b>**SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR CHANGES!</b>					1  Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	2  A.A. 7:00 am
3 Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am  Traditional Service 11:00 a.m.  Advent Service at Christ the King 4:00 pm	4 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm  Adult Forum 7:00 pm	5 Living Resources 9:30 am  A.A. 4:30 pm  Yoga 6:00 pm	6 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	7 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am  Al-Anon 12:00 pm  Yoga 5:30 pm	8  Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	9  A.A. 7:00 am	
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24  Carols 9:30 am  Children Friendly Service 5:00 pm  Traditional Service 7:00 pm  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE!</b>	25  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY!</b>	26 Living Resources 9:30 am  A.A. 4:30 pm  Yoga 6:00 pm	27 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	28 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am  Al-Anon 12:00 pm  Yoga 5:30 pm	29  Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	30  A.A. 7:00 am	

# Color by Number!



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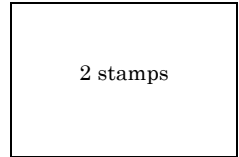
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|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 - pink         | 8 - light brown              | stall latch - gold           |
| 2 - medium brown | 9 - flesh                    | ducks: lower bills - orange  |
| 3 - dark brown   | 10 - pale yellow             | sheep: nostril - medium gray |
| 4 - orange       | 11 - bright yellow           | unnumbered - white           |
| 5 - light gray   | 12 - red                     |                              |
| 6 - medium gray  | donkey: nostril - dark brown |                              |
| 7 - gold         | lantern latch: gold          |                              |

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Building Use Coordinator: Kelly Visser

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Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Tricia Stott, Nancy Rutenber

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Finance Secretary: Barbara O'Neill

Worship: Charlie Yang, Team Leader

Evangelism through Outreach: Jim Bowen,  
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader

Senior Ministries: Darcianne Leizer,  
Team Leader