

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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LOVE GOD, FOLLOW JESUS AND PASS IT ON!

July-August 2016

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

*Articles for the
September
Newsletter are
due by
August 10th.*



ERT Training

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is holding ERT training facilitated by Brian Greenwald. Read inside for more information and register ASAP if you are interested.

Capital Prayer Rally

You are invited and encouraged to join Franklin Graham as part of the Decision America Tour 2016. Stopping to pray in all 50 state capitals, the date for Albany's stop is August 25th.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Regular church services (9:30 Praise and 11:00 Traditional Worship) will resume on Sunday, September 11th.

Look inside for new missions opportunities and happenings!

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Enjoy the Summer!





The summer season kicks in at our church as well. Our church events and programs are, relatively, going slower than usual. But it doesn't mean that we are taking a vacation from our faith—our faith journey never stops rolling.

For this July and August newsletter, I want to invite you to think and rethink of the purpose of church again. Regarding the purpose of church, there are core values that we Christians cannot give up, no matter how we perceive our time. The core values are three-pronged and I call them "Three Pillars of the Christian Church."

The first pillar's name is "confessional" and it is based on Peter's confession of Jesus, "[Jesus], you're the Christ, the Messiah, and the Son of the living God." (The Message) These words have been the foundation of our Christian faith and church for two millennia and it won't be changed. This confession helps us know that our Christian faith is more than ethics or philosophy or anything else. This confession provides us the reason why we gather and worship God.

The second pillar's name is "connectional" and it is based on Jesus' command, "Love your neighbors," and the Apostle John's words, "Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John vs. 7b-8). Get connected and love one another. We are called to love God and love one another in Christ.

Love is connectional and without connection there is no love. God is connectional and personal. God loves us. God is our unlimited source of love. His love tank never runs low. God calls us to follow Jesus' footsteps. He loves us by giving his life for us. Jesus manifested his love, all-giving, all-forgiving, all-embracing, all-accepting love on the cross and we are called to love one another and sent to exercise love as he did.

The third pillar is "commissional." This is based on the Jesus' last command. "**Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew vs. 19-20)

It has been frequently called as: "the great Commission." I minted the word "commisonal" based on this verse in order to explain the third pillar of the church. We need to note these are the words he said to disciples when he left his original disciples for good in this world.

This passage has been called "the Great Commission" by many Christians. Each Sunday Jesus calls us to gather and entrust us with the mission to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ. When we leave the church door, we are sent out to the world to live as disciples of Jesus and to make disciples of Jesus in life.

These three pillars sustain our Christian faith and church and we cannot remove any of these pillars for any reasons if we want to remain a Christian church. We love God and my on-going prayer is that our church becomes and remains as a Christian church, robustly sustained by these three pillars no matter how our society is changing.

My prayer is with you all for a great summer in Christ our Lord.

By Charlie Yang



THOUGHTS FROM THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

At the May 17, 2016 meeting of the Leadership Council, chairperson Paul Krekeler challenged all present to reflect on three questions: Why do we need Jesus? Why do we need a church? Why do we need our church? These questions are key, tough, and pertinent, both in our individual lives and in the life of the Christian congregation known as McKownville United Methodist Church. The congregation is invited to reflect on these questions and to consider possible responses that might improve our personal and congregational life. We are planted at the corner of Western Avenue and Church Road. We don't move. But thousands of persons pass by each day, morning and evening, daytime and nighttime. Do we make any impact on any of them? Could any of them become faithful and enthusiastic members if we invited them? Three more questions come to mind: How is McK UMC unique? Why should someone choose us? Why does anyone need us? Are we different from Christ the King RC church west of us, or Christ Lutheran Church east of us, or Pine Grove Methodist Church north of us? Should people stop because of our large parking lot, our sparkling conversation, or our music? How does anyone know about these things? So a major challenge to us all is this: What will attract new members? What strengths do we have to bring in persons ripe for becoming disciples? And what about all those persons who come here sometime during the week for fellowship other than at worship? Wait! Did I hear someone say that getting new members is the pastor's job? Or Leadership Council? Or custodian? Sorry, all members of Christ's church are on the membership committee!

The leadership Council invites each member to contemplate these matters, to share concerns with



family and friends, and then bring ideas on how to meet these challenges as an ice-breaker at fellowship after worship!

CONNECTION! CONFERENCE! MINISTRY SHARES! MORE!

Beyond McKownville Church

McKownville Church is beginning a new fiscal year. This year's budget, which assumes full support by our members, will pay church staff, keep up facilities, enable education of youth and adults, and enhance our worship through music. These activities help us. A small part of our formal budget goes beyond McKownville Church, through our **Ministry Shares (formerly, apportionments)**, to be our hands in a hurting world. Moreover, we as a church support other local and world-wide charities that are not a part of our budget. In the fiscal year just ended, we gave \$404 to Conference Specials, \$520 to Africa University, and \$863 to Campus Ministries. Pumpkin sales provided funds to send Darci Leizer, Doug Arnott, and Alex Burns on mission trips. We are a generous church. Conflict and natural disaster don't come on a schedule. They seem to happen at un-opportune times. Once such an event occurs, the response must be quick and enough. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, **UMCOR**, brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict, or natural disaster. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. Even after a crisis has passed and attention has faded, UMCOR continues to provide survivors both immediate relief and long-term education, training, and support. McKownville Church has a history of responding quickly and generously to UMCOR needs. Special offerings can be made to UMCOR at any time. Write your check to "McKownville UMC" and put on the memo line the specific purpose (ex: Haiti earthquake). UMCOR is the most cost-effective way to respond to a crisis, because ALL of your contribution goes to the designated work; the cost of office overhead is carried by the general church through ministry sharing. Special offerings on designated Sundays enable United Methodist to share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere. **General Conference** has designated these Special Sundays: Human Relations Day One Great Hour of Sharing Native American Ministries Peace with Justice Sunday World Communion Sunday United Methodist Student Day **Upper New York Conference** has four Special Sundays: Christian Education, Golden Cross, Rural Life, Disability Awareness. To support these causes, use the special offering envelopes found in the bulletin or put a check in the offering plate any time. Be sure to

note in the memo section the purpose you intend.

Guilderland Food Pantry is a very important service right here where we live and worship. Contributions of food may be left at any time in the collection box in the rear left of the sanctuary. These are non-perishable items such as canned fruits or vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, or cereal. For monetary contributions, put a check in the offering (memo: "food bank").

Young people. Television, magazines, and social media are full of negative messages every day about young adults and their role in the larger community. In the midst of all this "bad news", **Cornerstone Campus**

Ministry is a "good news" story influencing the lives of countless young people who attend the University at Albany. Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry SUNY (Chapel House Interfaith Center), an interfaith ministry to students, has been supported for many years by our Upper New York Conference. But in 2016 this support went away because of the general shortfall due to Conference member churches not paying full apportionment. That budget cut meant a \$10,000 loss for Cornerstone Campus Ministry in 2016. In order to keep this program alive and well, they need help! College students may have a lot of energy, enthusiasm, ideas and insights, but they don't have much money. Following advice from the Upper New York Conference, they are reaching out to local congregations to ask for help! You can make a designated gift with a check in the offering plate (memo: "campus ministry"). Moreover, twice a year members of Cornerstone visit McKownville Church, bringing with them home made pastries. Welcome them and buy a goody! Follow them on Facebook: Cornerstone Campus Ministry. AND! There is a non-monetary need that you can support. Recent magazines that you no longer wish to

keep can be recycled by donation to a local hospital. Leave them in the box at the left rear of the sanctuary. You might want to remove your name before you leave them. All these are needs beyond our local church budget. Your support is beyond your annual pledge to support McKownville Church. The need is great, be generous!



THE POWER OF THE SON

For the next couple of months, we'll be feeling the warm rays of the sun. It's summer, and hopefully we'll all get a chance to enjoy some time at the beach or the pool. Of course, it won't all be fun, I'm sure there will be days when the sun will take its toll on us as we're mowing the lawn, pulling weeds and other chores that have us baking in the hottest days of summer.

In any case, the power of the sun is amazing. Solar power is being developed and marketed more and more, and we can see an increase in solar panels everywhere we look. Homes are being converted from electric power to solar, many industries are installing solar panel "farms". And as we drive the highways we can see how much solar power is being used for highway construction signs.

The sun lights up our world, and I would not be surprised if in time, in the not too distant future, the majority of our power will come from the sun. Visualize our world where our cars have small solar panels that energize our cars instead of gas or electric. Picture our homes with one efficient solar panel, not yet developed, that can power every appliance and heating unit we have. These are just some of the thoughts that the energy of our sun can provide if science can find a way to efficiently harvest and harness the power from that giant yellow ball in the sky. The power is there; we just need to find a way to use it!!

Tapping into the sun's vast source of energy is something that will intrigue and motivate scientists and researchers for years. And while that's going on, we all need to consider another powerful source of energy and power.

As we live our lives, how many times do we feel we're out of gas? When our energy is simply depleted by the demands of the world? Where do we go to recharge our batteries and refill our tanks? Well, similar to how we look to energy sources to keep our physical world going, we need only to look toward the **Son** to keep our spiritual world going strong.

God gave us His Son as an unending source of energy. Jesus is there for us every moment we feel weak. He's there to pick us up in tough times and rough times. Only He can lift us up from the depths we sometimes find ourselves in, and put us back on higher ground through His caring and love for us.

Yes, Jesus is the source of our energy whenever we're facing difficult times. So often we look to ourselves and others to help resolve our issues, and although our Good Lord does send us His messengers to help comfort us, we still need to go straight to the source, which is Jesus Himself, waiting for us to call upon His name to renew our Faith, focus our thoughts on His Word and reenergize our lives to live out the purpose He intended for us.

Life has its ups and downs, and when we feel we're getting run down, and lost in the valleys, let's remember to call upon the Lord. There's no greater source of energy than the **power of the Son!!**

Enjoy the summer days,

Dom Perfetti

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Youth Meet at McKownville

May 12, 1911 weekly Altamont News **McKownville - M.E. Church Notes**. At a meeting of the *Young Peoples's Society* of the church held last Monday evening at the home of Miss Edna Garrison, the constitution was adopted and the report of the committee accepted. "**Delta Chi Rho**" was selected as the name of the society. About twenty were present and an enjoyable evening was spent. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m., May 22, in the church, immediately adjoining the adjournment of the congregational meeting. [By 1921 the Delta Chi Rho society had disorganized but twenty members met to entertain a visiting former member.]

Fri., July 29, 1921 McKownville - Ten delegates from our **Epworth League** will start for Riverside Institute in the Adirondacks on Saturday morning. Before the week is over it is expected that there will be several more in attendance. [The Epworth League was a co-ed *young people's service organization* within the national Methodist Episcopal Church from 1890 until 1940. Epworth League members started as young as ages 10-12 in the Junior Division and could belong to the Senior League until they were adults aged 18-34. With the 1939 unification of the northern and southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal churches with the Methodist Protestant church, the Epworth League was renamed the *Methodist Youth Fellowship* (MYF) and membership was for youth aged 12-24.]

Fri., March 6, 1925 McKownville - The officers elected at the **Sunday School class meeting of Mrs. Lyman's**, on Washington's birthday were: President, Maude Abrams, vice president, Marion Allanson, secretary, Emma Winne, treasurer, Jeanette Momberger. [Sunday School classes then were single sex.] The **Sunday School class of Miss Myrtle Abrams** will hold its regular meeting Saturday at the home of Helen Manville on Fairlawn avenue. The officers elected at the last meeting were: President, Libbie Johnson; secretary, Nina Johnston; treasurer, Helen Manville.

March 1928 to about 1952/53 existed the **Sunshine Class**, a teenager women/young adult group at the McKownville Methodist Church. The group contributed to church projects by putting on plays and musicals. Susan Barre (nee Allanson) told: ... in March 1928 a small group of Sunday School girls ... voted to pay \$.10 a month dues. This we did until 1943 when most of the members were either working or married and we felt financially able to pay more, so we raised our dues to \$.25 a month to replenish our treasury.

Friday, April 23, 1965
McKownville - Saturday, April 24th: 10 a.m. **Junior High MYF** officers will meet. Sunday, April 25th: 6 p.m. **Senior High MYF** will meet at the parsonage with the Warners [pastor].



[2005 Guilderland youth group on mission trip, with accompanying adults]

YOUTH NEWS

Enjoy your summer!

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Burns! Emily has been added to the 2017 Mission of Peace team. Together Emily and Arthur will BOTH join the team next winter in their mission to Nicaragua for the NEJ Mission of Peace! They will be visiting churches in and around Managua and worship with them. They will celebrate New Years in Sabana Grande, there will be 3 work days with Project Chacocente, and will have lots of opportunity to learn and experience from the culture.

Please keep the team in your prayers in the months leading up to their departure. This month, please pray for Arthur and Emily as they grow in faithfulness and confidence which is drawn from our Lord Jesus. The scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is about to become even more of a life motto for them. Celebrate with them when you see them and keep this in your prayers. I will publish updates and prayer requests each month as we approach the date.

Our Youth Programs:

Sunday School

9:15 a.m. (Sept.-June)
—JR. High Class (grades 6-8)
—High School Class (grades 9-12)

Youth Group

—Senior High Youth Groups for 9th-12th grade and held each Sunday during the school year (Sept.-June) at 7:15 p.m. (varies for special events).

★ Contact **Angela Stott** for more information about youth involvement and activities. **Phone:** (518)-456-6528. **Email:** AStott@AAAHV.COM





Adult Study Adult Forum will begin a discussion of Bishop William Willimon's book 'Fear of the Other' on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. See Nancy Clarke for a copy of the book and/or information

Adult Study

Begins September 18th, Runs 8 Weeks

Plan ahead for this study by beginning to read the book.

Discussing Mere Christianity

This book by C.S. Lewis is considered by many to be a Christian classic.

In this eight-session video group study, you will discover why "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis is one of the most read and beloved Christian books of all time. But 70 years later from when it was first delivered on radio, what relevance does it have to our world today? Host Eric Metaxas and a variety of Christian leaders (e.g. N.T. Wright, Tim Keller, Lauren Winner, Devin Brown, Paul McCusker, Douglas Gresham) help us understand the timeless message of C.S. Lewis in fresh ways for a new generation. The first purpose of this video study is to explore the positive ideas that C.S. Lewis has so eloquently written about in "Mere Christianity" for those who already call themselves Christian. The second purpose is to explain in an engaging, winsome and non-threatening way the basic tenants of the Christian faith as illustrated by C.S. Lewis to those who do not claim to be Christian. This study aims to fulfill the vision of C.S. Lewis of reaching people from all faith backgrounds.

As a church McKownville contributed \$1350 toward this year's Crop Walk! There were 10 walkers who took these (many) steps (through a drizzly rain) toward stomping out hunger!



150 Years Celebration

The 150 years since McKownville UMC's founding will be especially celebrated in November. Sunday, November 6 will be a special combined worship service with past pastors participating.

Saturday, November 19th will be a special dinner and program.

SPAC EVENT: Come One, Come all!

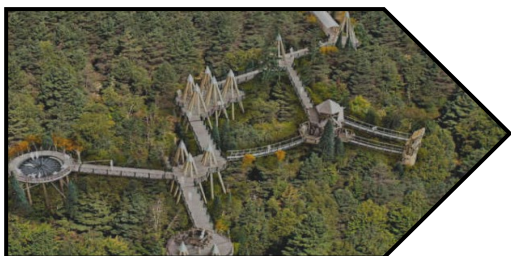
The date for our August outing to SPAC has been booked for Saturday, August 13, 2016. We will have dinner at the Hall of Springs at 6:00PM and then walk across the lawn to the amphitheater where the program will be: Sophisticated Ladies: A celebration of the groundbreaking icons of American popular song, from Ella Fitzgerald to Sarah Vaughan to Dinah Washington and of course, Billie Holiday. **Contact Marion Leizer** for info or to make reservations (\$67/person). Tickets are refundable before July 20th.

Baseball Game Yankees vs. Red Sox:

The Men's Group at St Madeline Sophie Church is sponsoring a trip to Yankee Stadium to see the New York Yankees play the Boston Red Sox. The game is Saturday, July 16 at 4 p.m. and tickets are available! Seats are in Section 434A. Tickets are \$90 per person and include transportation by a very comfortable Brown Coach bus. The bus will leave at 10 am. From St Madeline Sophie School, 3500 Carmon Road, Guilderland and stop at New Paltz giving everyone a chance to have lunch. This trip is designed for families! Please call 356-0172 for more information or to purchase your tickets!

SUMMER EVENTS

Frisbee Golf at Central Park in Schenectady. Join us for a fun filled day of food, friends and fun! A picnic in the park, bring your favorite tunes and meet the challenge of a game of Frisbee Golf! Bring your friends to fill out the team. We will be challenging other neighboring youth groups as well! Date TBA.



Wild Walk at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake: A full day event coming this summer.... Take a walk on the WILD SIDE!

Missions Happenings

Guilderland Food Pantry July/August Needs:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Juice
Coffee
Paper Products



Future Fundraising:

Mission Of Peace

Northeastern Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries

United Methodist Church

From the website <http://www.nejumc.org/mop.html>



"The Mission of Peace is a yearly journey of discovery and Shalom to nations in our global community sponsored by the Northeast Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Each year, every Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in the Northeastern Jurisdiction may select up to four youth to share in this experience. On each MOP, participants worship in churches, meet youth in churches and civic organizations and share with people who have a similar longing for peace and understanding. These times have been the high points of each MOP experience.

The MOP is a life changing experience! It is a journey which leads each participant to discover God's Spirit at work in the world. It is an experience of God's extended family. It is a journey of discovering God's Shalom. It is primarily a people to people experience in which we learn from our hosts how they live as disciples of Jesus Christ in their country. It is a mission which has brought us closer to God's hoped for community where all are sisters and brothers."

Emily Burns and Arthur Stott have been chosen to participate in this year's Mission of Peace team going to Nicaragua December 28, 2016-January 10, 2017. To be considered for the trip, each of them needed to submit an essay describing their activities in their local, district, conference, or general church, their travel experience

as it pertains to Mission of Peace, school activities and submit 3 references. Then they were interviewed by a committee.

Emily and Arthur were chosen from youth from the Northeast Jurisdictional which consists of annual conferences of...Baltimore-Washington, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, Greater New Jersey, New England, New York, Peninsula-Delaware, Susquehanna, Upper New York and West Virginia

This year's Mission of Peace team consists of 12 youth, 9 are from Upper New York Conference (including 4 from the Albany area), 2 from West Virginia and 1 from Western Pennsylvania. Emily and Arthur have both been given money from the Mission Scholarship fund that our church offers from the pumpkin sales, to help offset the costs of the trip, they still need to raise more money. The youth who represent the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the Northeastern Jurisdiction must raise the money which supports their MOP. In the spirit of Shalom, Emily and Arthur humbly ask for individuals prayerful consideration of a monetary gift to Mission of Peace participants through supporting future fundraisers. Look for future fundraisers that Emily and Arthur will plan in the coming months to prepare for this life changing experience.

Creating Feminine Hygiene Kits

As written in last month's newsletter, we will be making feminine hygiene kits to be donated to Uganda and Haiti. This is a multi step process. Step one to create the kits is supplies. Do you have any of the items below that you would like to donate? There will be a box in the back of sanctuary or you can give items to Darcianne Leizer.

100% woven cotton material, Quilting quality (dark colors/patterns)

100% polyester thread (dark colors)

100% Cotton Flannel (dark colors/patterns)

PUL Material

10 snaps (small to use on wings of shield to hold it in place better)

20 panties (girl size 10-14, dark colors)

10 washcloths

10 small unwrapped hotel size bar of soap

20 Ziploc bags gallon size, freezer grade

Keep an eye out for the dates of the sewing days or packing days to put the kits together. If you have any questions, see Darcianne Leizer.





Button and Bracelet Sale

The Voice of the Martyrs is a non-profit, interdenominational organization working with Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith in Christ. There are prisoners in Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Eritrea, all arrested because they were Christians and showing their faith.

VOM's five main purposes are based on Hebrews 13:3.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

They are:

1. To encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where they are persecuted for their involvement in propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this by providing Bibles, literature, radio broadcasts, and other forms of aid.
2. To give relief to the families of Christian martyrs in these areas of the world.
3. To equip local Christians to win to Christ those persecutors who are opposed to the gospel in countries where believers are actively persecuted for their Christian witness.
4. To undertake projects of encouragement, helping believers rebuild their lives and Christian witness in countries that have formerly suffered Communist oppression.

To emphasize the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of atrocities committed against Christians and by remembering their courage and faith.

The greatest need is for prayer. It is prayer that changes things and moves the heart of God, and it is prayer that our persecuted brothers and sisters ask for before they ask for anything else.

To help support the Voice of the Martyrs, buttons and bracelets will be sold at church in July. A suggested donation for a bracelet or button is \$5. The full amount of your donation will go to The Voice of the Martyrs

For more information about the Voice of the Martyrs, visit the website: <http://www.persecution.com/>





PRAYER RALLY

Franklin Graham and the Decision America
Tour is coming to our state capital.

**DECISION
AMERICA**
TOUR 2016
with
Franklin Graham

**"IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND
PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR
FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND HEAL THEIR LAND." —3 CHRONICLES 7:14, NKJV**

Thursday, August 25, 2016
12:00-1:00 p.m.

DecisionAmericaTour.com

Albany, NY
Capital Park West

**BILLY
GRAHAM**
Evangelistic Association
Always Good News.

  #DecisionAmerica

Let's join him!



Upper New York Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church

Invites you to a:

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

ERT TRAINING

(Early Response Team)

Saturday, August 6, 2016

at

Averill Park UMC

Physical address: 3055 New York Rt. 43

Averill Park, New York 12018



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Christian Love in Action!

Averill Park United Methodist Church

Physical address: 3055 New York Rt.43

Averill Park, New York 12018

Ph: 518-674-3664 Website: cocumc.org

Email: COCpastor@nycap.rr.com (Please put

ERT training in the subject line)

Directions:

East of Albany on I-90, take Exit 8 to NY Rt 43
(West Sand Lake Rd.). Proceed through West
Sand Lake, NY staying on NY Rt 43 to Averill
Park, NY. The Church is on NY Rt. 43.

MORE INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE



REGISTRATION

Please complete this registration form and return
to the address below by July 27, 2016

Hurry – Space is Limited

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Church: _____

City/Town: _____

District: _____

Registration \$25.00 / Person includes:

☐ Manual

☐ Back Ground Check

☐ Photo ID

Lunch, coffee, snacks, will be provided (No fee)

Send registration and check made **payable to:**

The Church of the Covenant UM to:

Averill Park UMC

Rev. Joe Auslander

PO Box 306

Averill Park, New York 12018-0306

FACILITATOR

Brian Greenwald Born and raised in the Jamestown, NY area, and attended the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church which merged with the Methodist Church to become the United Methodist Church. After graduating from High School, I earned a B.S. degree in chemistry from R.I.T. in Rochester, NY Since retiring, I have been volunteering in many construction projects locally with UMVIM and Habitat for Humanity, and made 3 trips to Haiti on construction teams. My first mission trip was to Gulfport, after Katrina, on a rebuilding trip where I learned about ERT. I have since participated in ERT work in Gowanda, Middleburgh, Bin hamton, Appalachin, Oneida, Westfield, NY, Logan, WVA, Hackleburg, Alabama, and a number of rebuilding trips to Camp Findley, and Endicott, NY. In 2012, I attended a Train the Trainer class and became an UMCOR certified ERT trainer, and have since trained about 180 ERTs. And, just for fun, during the winter months, I serve as a volunteer on the Safety Patrol at Holiday Valley Ski Resort.

What does an ERT do?

Early Responders are trained to assist survivors of natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, and floods. Our main purpose is to bring the presence of Jesus Christ and the UMC to people who are hurting. We become the feet and hands of Jesus, bringing love in action at a time when they are feeling helpless, overwhelmed, exhausted, confused and lost.

We respond immediately in our own District and Conference as the need arises, and we respond to subsequent invitation from the Bishop of other conferences in other states.

Basic ERT Class Schedule

Averill Park UMC, Saturday Aug. 6, 2016

Presenter: Brian Greenwald

Please arrive at 8:30 AM Sharp!!

8:30 AM - Registration, Name Tag, ID photo, fill out

paper work

9:00 - Welcome, Schedule, Introductions and

Devotions

9:30 - Overview of Early Response Training - purpose,

desired outcome

Mission Statement, History, UMCOR and

UMVIM Covenant (p. 1-5)

When Do We Go? (p.7)

Why Do We Go? (p. 11)

What Do We Do? And Working with Survivors (p. 13 – 21)

10:00 - Coffee, refreshments, & Break Time

10:15 - Who Is On the Team? – size, positions, functions, (p. 25 – 27)

Team Safety and Personal Safety, Safe

Use of Equipment (p. 29)

Team Protocols, Safe Sanctuaries (p.31-33)

12:00 - Lunch

12:30 - Personal Items List Handout

Equipping a Team – Tools and Trailers (p.

35, A 23-26)

Team Tasks – Applying Roof Tarps, Clean

Outs, Debris Removal (p. A1 – A22)

Electrical Cord and Ladder Safety, Why Men Die First

2:00 - Break

2:15 - Videos – www.ag.ndsu.edu/flood

3:00 - Am I and My Team Ready To Go? Group

Activity

3:30 - Appendix, Forms (B 1-13), Q & A, Review, Test,

and Evaluation of this Training

5:00 - Homeward Bound. Thank you and May God

Bless our New ERT's!

What is UMVIM?

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission exists to promote, encourage, and enable Christians to exemplify “Christian Love In Action” through short-term mission service in the United States and abroad.

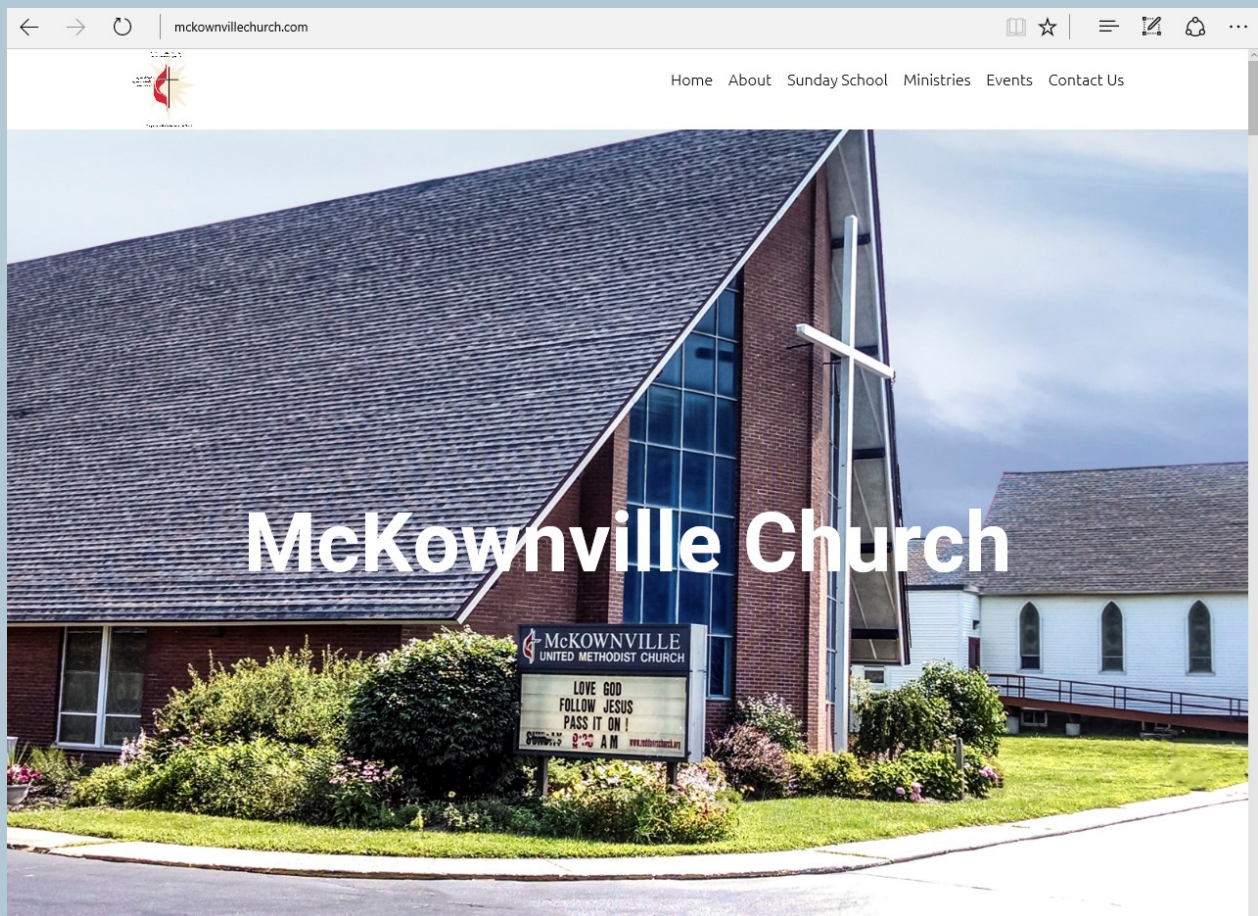
It provides opportunities for service by developing and nurturing relationships with domestic and international leaders. We continually nurture our contacts with these leaders to respond to the needs of local communities and to provide comprehensive

WEBSITE SEO

Please help us with the SEO (search engine optimization) of our website! In order to make our church website come up higher in a Google (or other search engine) search, we need to increase the traffic to our site. Please take a moment to visit the site and share the link on your social media pages.

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NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY®

September 11, 2016

You're Invited!

McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue, Albany, 12203

JULY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
July 3	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	N/A, PRAISE
July 10	Nancy Pullen Nancy Rutenber	Laura Marotta
July 17	Pauline Martin Elizabeth Mensah	N/A, PRAISE
July 24	Linda Faulkner Laura Marotta	Cathy Wells
July 31	Delores Campbell Pauline Martin	N/A, PRAISE



AUGUST DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
August 7	Vicky Lockman Illa Pickett	Mary Neitzel
August 14	Dorothy Ellinwood Emma Herendeen	N/A, PRAISE
August 21	Bud Davies Gene Gee	Pat Arnott
August 28	Bob Griffin	N/A, PRAISE
Sept 4	Sue Pett Angela Stott	Christy Beauregard

**Greeters & Ushers
Coordinator:**
Pauline Martin
456-3784

(Stepping down at the end of the summer, please contact the office if you are interested in this position)

**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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

AnniversariesBirthdays

4 – Pat & Sherie Braun
 14 – Carol & Don Andersen
 20 – Pat & Christy Beauregard
 31 – Michael & Cindi Shropshire



1 – Pamela Eistertz
 2 – Jack Steffens
 2 – Vicki Lockman
 2 – Stephanie DeVall
 4 – Carol Martin
 4 – Stephanie Fox
 7 – John Lutz
 8 – Ashley Visker

10 – James Stott
 12 – Christine Smith
 15 – Krystal Cole
 18 – Sarah Bond
 20 – Ben Atwood
 20 – Eugene Gee
 20 – Arthur Bender

21 – Brandon Hoenig
 23 – Ralph Leizer
 23 – Grant Visker
 25 – Lauren Sitterly
 25 – Ken Grupe
 26 – Debby Cole
 27 – Michelle Lutz
 28 – Oakley Neitzel



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9 – Doug & Pat Arnott
 16 – Christopher & Kelly Visker
 16 – Nick & Megan Scolaro
 19 – Ralph & Marion Leizer
 19 – George & Olive Ezekiel
 23 – Rick & Lora O'Hare
 29 – Paul & Teri Scoville
 30 – Leo & Laura Hoenig
 31 – Candace & Randall Goodman



2 – Ann Marie Gray
 3 – Stephen Leeper
 6 – Rick Eistertz
 6 – Linda Shanley
 7 – William Burns
 10 – Christy Beauregard
 12 – Jessica Van Doren
 12 – Kyle Williams
 13 – Lee Jones
 14 – Amanda Bowie
 14 – Christina Breakell
 14 – Bonnie Coon
 15 – Ryan Wager

16 – Bert Campbell
 18 – Helena Kaszluga
 19 – Kip Stillman
 20 – Steve Clarke (son)
 20 – Isabel Schempp
 22 – Elysse Markessinis
 25 – William Gray
 26 – Kristi Van Patten
 27 – George Stott
 29 – Cindi Schropshire
 29 – Sherie Braun

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	2 A.A. 7:00 am
3 Praise Service 9:30 am	4 4th of July! Be safe!	5 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	6 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	7 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	8 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	9 A.A. 7:00 am
10 Traditional Service 9:30 am	11 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	12 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	13 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	14 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	15 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	16 A.A. 7:00 am
17 Praise Service 9:30 am	18 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	19 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	20 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm ***RSVP to SPAC Event!	21 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	22 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	23 A.A. 7:00 am
24 Traditional Service 9:30 am	25 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	26 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	27 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	28 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	29 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	30 A.A. 7:00 am

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7 Traditional Service 9:30 am	8 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	9 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	10 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	11 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	12 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	13 A.A. 7:00 am SPAC Event
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10 Haikus for Summer

Breezes orchestrate
Wind chimes melodious sounds
Music fills the air

Green leaves shadows dance
Sunshine blinds curious eyes
Dripping popsicle

The waters ripple
Tickled by the summer breeze
Chasing rings of joy

The sun sets slowly
Colors of the summer sky
Spacious and holy

Hot Summer evening
Along the gravel road
Deer watch the sunset

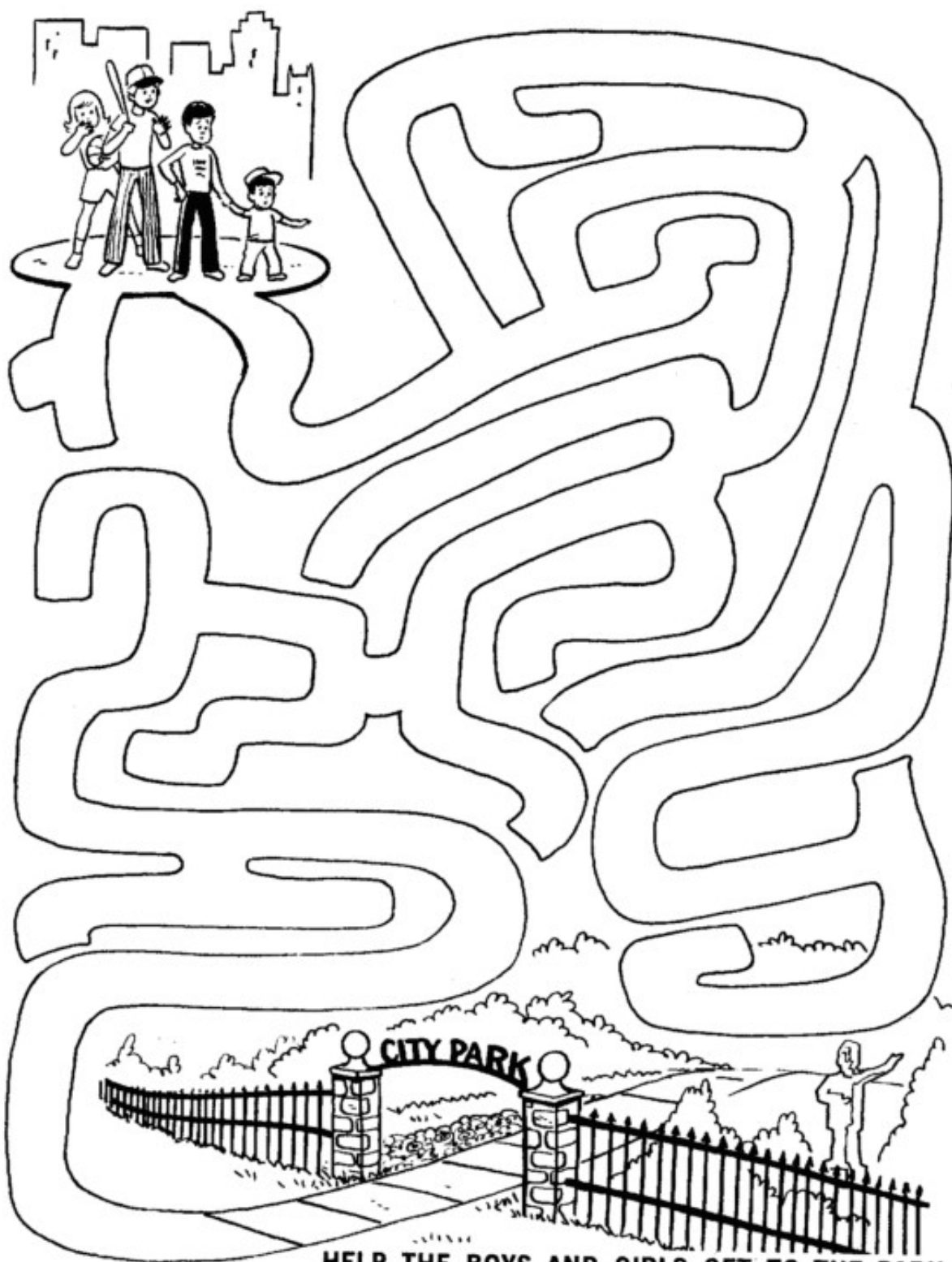
A summer garden
Pastel hats, large umbrellas
Tea leaves and gossip

Too hot a day for me
Sitting on bet with a fan
blowing 'cross my feet

The first cricket sings
Shattering the humid night
Finally, summer

Carefully picked spot
Cat sleeping in the garden
Caressed by the sun

Light like an emerald
And arch of green leaves above
Above that—the sun



HELP THE BOYS AND GIRLS GET TO THE PARK.



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