

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
June Newsletter
are due by
June 15th.*



When is your Birthday?!

We are updating our church anniversary birthday list. If you are a member and are interested in having your birthday or anniversary listed in the monthly newsletter, please email your name, month and date to McKownUMC@Verizon.net or call the office (518-456-1148).



New Members & Confirmation

Are you interested in being a part of a dynamic and vital congregation? We will be receiving **NEW MEMBERS** on **June 5th** along with new confirmands. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Charlie. **There will only be one service at 9:30 a.m.!**

Summer Sessions

Begin on June 12 (special service in the park). This means only one service at 9:30 a.m. Also, starting June 19, worship will alternate weekly between praise and traditional worship services.

Church Singles Group

This group is targeted toward pre-retirement single individuals over 40 years old. We will meet once a month with the purpose of providing support, fellowship and social networking. The organizing meeting will be held on Friday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm. Location: The Residences at Lexington Hills. 89 St. Agnes Highway, Cohoes, NY 12047. Please contact Ruth (rnct_pr07@yahoo.com, cell:518-527-5935) or Liz (bolsterwise@gmail.com, home:518-930-2519) for more Information.

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From the Pastor

Mind matters; it always matters. The battle in mind never stops. It surges at some points and declines and surges again and declines. This pattern is fixed with some variants once in a while. So it is not a stretch to say that mind is almost all in our faith journey, for faith is contained in mind.

Faith is, in a sense, the ongoing training of the mind, controlling feelings and emotions. How to free our minds from the prison of mind should be a constant factor to our reality. For instance, when we deal with a touchy and tough situation that seems bigger than us, we easily feel overwhelmed by it and we are often harried by self-pity. Self-pity destroys us like a cancer that eats our souls while self-exaggeration rots other parts of our souls.

We are what we believe. When we are in trouble, we may second guess our faith, what we believe. Believe yourself. Believe what you believe. Believe what you want. The other day in the morning, I was still in bed but wide awake. I was thinking of the day's sermon and asked myself if I truly believe what I believe. Do I believe what I choose? How many times was I startling on a fence between what I believe and what I don't believe? Believe that you can do it. Believe that you want to do it. Believe yourself.

A Christian author writes, "I am what I love," and this resonates with me. As the writer insists, we are products of what we love. Our characters are not fixed but shaped and transformed by what we love and what we seek.

David Brooks, a *New York Times* columnist, in his book, "The Road to Character" explains two different kinds of virtues: resume virtues and eulogy virtues. He explains that resume virtues are the skills we can bring to the market place. The eulogy virtues are the ones that we talk about at a funeral, whether we were kind, brave, honest, or faithful.

Caring is a virtue that we can develop. A caring mind is a necessary Christian virtue. According to psychologists, reaching out to others is a good way to overcome stress. Stress affects our physical condition. It mostly remains as a formidable enemy for our health, but new research suggests that stress may only be bad for us if we believe that to be the case. Psychologist Kelly McGonigal insists that if we see stress as a positive and use it as a tool to reduce stress, reaching out to others will help enormously. During a lecture on mental health, someone once asked Dr. Carl Menninger: "What would you advise a person to do if that person felt a nervous breakdown coming on?" Most people thought he would say, "Go see a psychiatrist immediately." but he didn't. Much to everyone's surprise, he replied, "Lock your house, go across the railroad tracks, find somebody in need, and help that person." Take your eye off yourself and your problems and instead develop an "others orientation." To overcome stress or discouragement, do not focus on yourself, but instead get involved in the lives of other people.



By Charlie Yang

CONNECTION? CONFERENCE? MINISTRY SHARES?

United Methodists

Being a Methodist can be exciting and puzzling. You may hear strange words and wonder what they mean: connection, Conference, Ministry Shares. Relax. This short essay will make it almost totally clear!

John Wesley, our founder, recognized the need for an organized system of communication and accountability. He developed the “connexion,” a network of classes, societies, and annual conferences. Every local church is linked to an interconnected network of organizations that together join in mission and ministry, accomplishing far more than any one local church or person could alone. At every level, church leaders and members come together in conversation, or conferencing, to discuss important issues and discover God’s will for the church. The word “conference” refers to both the assembly and organization of people and the process of discerning God’s call together.

The United Methodist Church does not have a central headquarters or a single executive leader. Duties are divided among the General Conference, the Council of Bishops and the Judicial Council.

The General Conference, the primary legislative body of The United Methodist Church, is the only body that speaks officially for the church. It meets every four years to determine legislation affecting connectional matters. Its most recent meeting was May 2016 in Portland, Oregon, US.

The Annual Conference, a more local geographical entity made up of elected lay members and ordained clergy members, is the fundamental body of the church. A Bishop oversees ministry and mission and appoints clergy.

Each local church is part of a District, which is an administrative grouping of churches in a geographic area. As the visible presence of the body of Christ, the local church is the place where members grow in faith and discipleship, putting their faith into action through ministry in the world.

World wide, Conferences are clustered into Jurisdictional Conferences. The Council of Bishops gives spiritual leadership to the entire church connection. A Judicial Council interprets church law.



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McKownville Church

We are one of 75 congregations in Albany District. Our District Superintendent is Rev. Rich Weihling, our District office is in Newtonville.

We belong to Upper New York Annual Conference. In 2015, we were 160,038 members, 951 churches, 12 Districts, and a budget of about \$8 million. Our Bishop is Rev. Mark Webb. The Conference office is in Syracuse.

It takes resources, called Ministry Shares, to maintain connection. Each Conference prepares a budget, which is supported by assessing each member church annually on a pro rata basis. This assessment takes into consideration the budget of the local church but not debt payments. Ministry Shares support health insurance and pension benefits for our pastor, District and Conference staff, outreach and program. For McKownville Church this year, our Ministry Share of about \$35,000 (14% of budget). It is paid monthly.

Each Conference sends General Conference a portion to maintain staff for world wide ministry. The proposed budget for General Conference 2016-2020 is \$603 million. World-wide, United Methodists are about 13 million.

McKownville Church is beginning a new fiscal year. This year's budget will support our church staff, keep up facilities, enable education of youth and adults, and enhance our worship through music. A small part of our budget goes beyond McKownville Church, through our ministry share, to be our hands in a hurting world. But there are other opportunities and we as a church do support them. Watch for that next month!

This page is based on information at the United Methodist Church website www.umc.org. We encourage you to explore this site. Learn about our geographical extent, membership, staff and services, needs and opportunities. Visit early and often!



BATTING 1000!!

We're at the start of another baseball season. Some of us are excited about it, while others may not be interested at all. It's a long season, with each major league team playing 162 games before the best head to the playoffs in October.

Whether we're fans or not, we've all probably heard the saying, "*You're batting 1000 today!*" That's a compliment, meaning that whatever it is you happen to be doing that day, you're doing it well. If you're a sports fan, particularly a baseball fan, you know that batting 1000 is perfection, that you've gotten a hit every time at bat. Although it sounds great, no one has ever come close to doing it. In fact, the highest career batting average ever is held by the famous Ty Cobb. Ty ended his career with a batting average of .366, and his record still holds today.

Just think of that for a minute, even the best of the best, the player who holds the record and has for decades, got a hit just under 40% of the time, and he's still the best ever! That's not to take away anything from great player that Ty Cobb was, but it goes to show that the perfection of batting 1000 is simply so elusive, that no one has ever come close!

I think we can all relate to that baseball analogy in our own lives as well. We try, we study, we prepare, we give it our best, but batting 1000 is just too much to expect. Thankfully, we know we're all human and we all make mistakes. A strike out now and then and a pop fly here and there are just part of life. We celebrate when we get a hit, and we buckle down and try to do better next time when life throws us a curve ball that we just can't hit.

Fortunately, in our lives, we have Someone who does bat 1000. Just stop and think for a moment of all the times you've relied on Jesus to be there for you and see you through difficult times. When we're at our worst, He's at His best with us. Jesus never lets us down, and always knows what is best for us even when we feel He hasn't heard our prayers. He is listening, and when we completely turn to Him for all our needs, and surrender our lives to Him, He is always there for us, 100% of the time. Jesus bats 1000, Always did, and always will.

So many times we may feel like we need to take on life on our own. And when we do, remember the famous Ty Cobb, who out hit everyone in the game, and still came up with getting hit's just over one-third of the time. We simply can't manage all of life's challenges on our own. Jesus knows that and is looking after us every day.

Jesus is perfection. He bats 1000 for us every day. We can't, no one ever did, nor ever will. But He does, and He's there to help us, every moment of every day.

God Bless all and enjoy the summer months,

Dom Perfetti

HISTORICAL NOTE:

75 years ago in 1941 was our church's 75th anniversary celebration

The Friday, **October 24, 1941** **Knickerbocker News** reported on the seventy-five years of McKownville Methodist Church being celebrated the coming Sunday and also on two long-term prominent church members. (The Knickerbocker News was the Albany evening daily newspaper which later merged with the morning Times Union.)

Formed Before Civil War



1866 mission house as home

"The church was organized prior to the Civil War, when McKownville consisted of a group of farms and was part of the town of Guilderland. Sunday School was conducted in the schoolhouse. In 1864 [1865], John McKown, a farmer, presented land for a mission church. Preachers of the Guilderland Methodist [Episcopal] Church conducted services. The first pastor was Hamilton S. Allen."

1898 Church "The church, built in 1898, adjoins the church house, completed in 1928. Frame buildings, they stand within 100 yards of the original church, built by parishioners in 1866 and now a remodeled house [see above]. Farther west along Western Ave., near the city line, is the original meeting place of McKownville Methodists, formerly a red schoolhouse and now a bungalow occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valentine [see right]."



Schoolhouse to bungalow

Mrs. Ida Manville, organist Mrs. George Manville, a housewife, at first played an instrument in the original 1866 church similar to the *household variety of organ*. Sometime after the 1898 church was built, church officials bought a new organ, its *bellows* pumped by boys as Mrs. Manville played. The 1941 organ, a *re-built one-manual pipe organ*, was installed in 1927 and had an electric pump, which Mrs. Manville thought was a blessing because she had no difficulty keeping on key. Ida was the church organist for 55 years from 1896 until 1951.

Two other organs followed: in 1957 an *electric* Allen organ with vacuum tubes and in 1991 an Allen *digital computer organ* with 41 stops. Now there is a variety of other instruments.

Father Helped Build Church Charles Albright was the only living charter member, age 82 and an Official Board member. Mr. Albright's father helped build the first church, the labor on a voluntary basis. Mr. Albright prides himself on being the first purchaser of clams for the church's first annual clambake 54 years ago. [A 1932-33 directory states this was 1895.] "Clambakes are annual events and persons for miles around, regardless of membership in the church, come to "hear the year's gossip," the Rev. Harry Titus, pastor, explains. When the new church house was built, provision was made in the design of the kitchen and dining room to accommodate the clambake crowds."

YOUTH NEWS

Regular Sunday evening meetings have come to an end for this School year and will resume in September. But we have some special events coming up!

June 18th Car Wash! Youth come have fun in the suds and raise money for our Prayer Labyrinth (coming Spring 2017)

ALL ARE WELCOME – Come have your car washed spic and span in the front lot of the church. 10am – 2pm

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

September and October

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.

REMINDER

The church's fiscal year end is **June 30**. To those who are current or ahead on their pledges, a BIG thank you! If those who are behind could fulfill their pledges by June 30, the church will end the year on a more positive financial note. Thanks to all who contribute to our missions, programs and outreach!

~ Barbara O'Neill, Financial Secretary

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.

Church Charge Conference

Tuesday, June 21,
7:00 p.m.

Your Announcements

If you've got an announcement for an upcoming event, group, activities, etc., please contact the church office by phone or email and it will be considered for next month's newsletter. Flyers may be included with your submission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

CONFIRMATION

Join us in celebrating the hard work of our confirmands on **Sunday June 5th at 9:30am** in a special worship to welcome them as members of the church. Candidates have spent the last 5 months discussing and exploring God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, Worship, Life and Death, Ministry, Saints, Baptism, Spiritual Life, Life in the Church and our Faith Journey. While working with individual mentors, candidates were encouraged to experience communion, observe a baptism and a funeral, participate in a different type of worship style, carry out a service project and attend a church meeting. They discussed these experiences individually with their mentors as well as with the whole group during our monthly meetings. Confirmands were also expected to read and discuss the Gospel of Luke, in which they became more familiar with the life and teachings of Jesus and as a whole group together and brought up such comments as "some of Jesus' comments were kind of rude" and "what it means to be a saint is really different in other faith traditions." The culmination of our time together was May 21st where both confirmation candidates and their mentors spent a full day together in retreat with wrap up activities about who God created us to be, community worship and the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives. As part of this event 3 hours were also spent together in service at the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store volunteering in their store and warehouse. Congratulations to all our Confirmands on a job well done! And a HUGE thank you to all our mentors who made this possible!

Congratulations to Arthur Stott

...on being accepted as a part of the 2017 Mission of Peace Team! Much more information about this trip will be shared in the coming months as he prepares for this project.

June Challenge

General Conference is a gathering of UMC leaders from all over the world where doctrine and discipline are discussed, and if updates are needed to our church doctrine (rules) then revisions are discussed and voted upon. Where was General Conference held this year? If you know the answer to this question, find me in worship and tell me and I will have a Coupon for a free Ice Cream from Stewarts for you! -Angela Stott

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!

Mission Opportunities

Over the next months or year, you will see many mission opportunities. Some will be local, some national, some international. Some will be doing something, like building, some will be donating money and some will be both. There are a lot of people who can always use help. Do not let the many options of ways to help overwhelm you or stop you from helping because of all the many choices. Do not be like Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody in the below story. Do something thing. Pick what interests you or what you are willing and able to do to help. There are many options so everyone has an opportunity to do mission work in the way they are able. **Together we can do amazing things.**

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done .

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
John: 20:21

DID YOU EVER WANT TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP AND WERE NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is a short-term mission agency of the United Methodist Church. UMVIM exists to promote, encourage and enable Christians to exemplify "Christian Love in Action" through short-term mission service locally, nationally and internationally.

Below are the Jurisdiction, Conference and District UMVIM coordinators, a few links for information about Volunteers In Mission. In the "Mission Happenings" section there are a couple of upcoming mission trips listed.

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) Jurisdiction Offices

Northeastern Jurisdiction Haddonfield, NJ Tom Lank nejvim@gmail.com

Upper New York Conference UMVIM coordinators:

Roger and Donna Cullen unyvim@unyumc.org
www.facebook.com/UpperNewYorkVolunteersInMission
<http://www.unyumc.org/mission/future-vim-teams>

Albany District UMVIM coordinators:

Jay and Cathy Dunkelberger - jdunkleb@gmail.com
 Jack Hill - vfhill@yahoo.com
 Jan and Pete Huston - hustonjp@sprynet.com



Missions Happenings

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?

Guilderland Food Pantry June needs:

(Food collection boxes are at the back of the Sanctuary)

Cereal
Juice
Coffee
Paper Products
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels



Below are a couple of missions trip options going abroad. If you are interested in either trip, contact the person listed for the trip to get more details. Do not forget there is a mission scholarship fund that can help with some of the expenses.

For full list of mission trips see below link:

http://umvimnej.org/what_you_can_do/send-a-team/departing-teams.html

Depart	Return	Location	Contact	Cost	Sponsor	Type of Work	Team Status
10/22/2016	11/5/2016	Gilgil, Kenya	Curt Knouse cknouse@susumc.org	\$3,000	Susquehanna Conference	Construction/ Medical/ Education	7 openings
Late March 2017	Apr-17	Nicaragua Accion Medica Cristiana	Amy Pelc me911j@hotmail.com 18-698-5024 or Cindy Schulte tacks5@hotmail.com 518-374-3012	\$2000-\$2500	Upper New York Conference	Construction, health ed, dental office support	Open, Early inquiries encouraged

CREATING FEMININE HYGIENE KITS

Do you sew or maybe not? Here is an opportunity to help in multiple ways. There will be a day of sewing to create girl hygiene kits. What is that you ask? Days for Girls organization has a mission "Creating a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions."

Per Days for Girls website, in India, 1 in 4 girls drop out of school when they start menstruating. Women menstruate 60 days, or 2 months a year. Days for Girls kits last 2-4 years, which can earn back up to 240 days of opportunity. The kits we make will help girls to stay in school. The cycle of poverty is broken when girls stay in school. www.daysforgirls.org

We will be putting together feminine hygiene kits within the next couple of months. There are two mission trips that will be delivering the kits to needed areas.

Kit Contains:

- 2 one gallon freezer bags zip lock (non-slider)
- 2 shields preloaded
- 6 pads
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 travel size soap
- 2 pair panties
- 1 visual instruction sheet
- 1 drawstring bag to put contents in



If you sew and would like to help, the pads, shields and drawstring bags are all sewn together. There are specific instructions provided.

If you do not sew and want to help, you could donate a wash cloth, travel size soap, panties or freezer bags. Or you could donate the cotton material or flannel material that is needed to create the pads and shields. There are very specific material instructions for this project.

If you are interested in helping on this mission project, please contact Darcianne Leizer 456-1063, ennaicrad@juno.com. She has the pattern and very specific instructions for the kits.

CHURCH DONATIONS OR MISSIONS

If you are interested in mission work within our church, There are a couple options right now.

1. Card Ministry-Donate greeting cards. Thinking of you, birthday, sympathy or get well cards are sent out on behalf of the church to mostly the senior members and donation of cards helps to support the ministry. Any questions see Darcianne Leizer

2. Donate to the Ministry Shares. Each month the church gives Ministry Shares to the church conference. This money is not only to help support the administrative expenses of the conference but also a portion of the ministry shares goes to missions of the conference. For example, world service, Black College, Africa University, district block grants, new faith communities, congregational revitalization, older adult ministries, Council on Youth Ministries, to name just a few areas that our Ministry Shares goes toward to help others in many ways. Upper New York Annual (Regional) Conference of The United Methodist Church mission is to *"live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places."* For more information about Ministry Shares go to <http://www.unyumc.org/resources/ministry-shares-toolbox>

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the people
Who worked on the chicken BBQ!
With your help and support we sold:

1,250 chicken half's

and made a profit of just over

\$5,300.00!



Great job everyone!!!



GOOD NEWS!

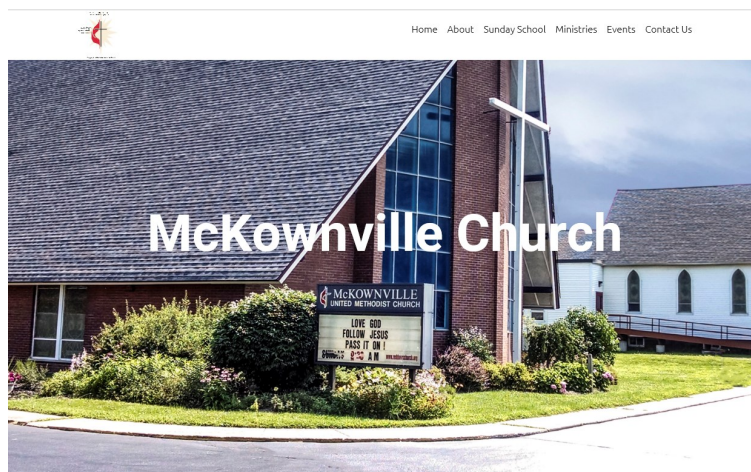
After some technical
difficulties, our

WEBSITE MEB2ILE

is back up and running.

Visit:

<http://www.mckownvillechurch.com/>
for updated information.



a United Methodist Congregation



150th Anniversary Memorial Patio

We are moving forward with the Memorial Patio you have been hearing about for the past few months. As you know, our Church first opened its doors in 1866. Since that time it has been not only a place of Worship and Spirituality, but has provided the opportunity for hundreds of members and area residents to meet on a weekly or monthly basis for dance and yoga classes as well as for Cub and Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts. Our Church has been a welcoming, private location, enabling many recovering alcoholics, drug addicts and gamblers to get back on their feet and become, or continue being, productive members of our community. Throughout the past 150 years our Church has been used for showers, weddings and end-of life celebrations. We host a Chicken BBQ twice a year, a Fish Fry and sell Pumpkins each fall. We have hosted Christmas tree sales, roast beef and spaghetti dinners, as well as Lost Radio Rounder's concerts. In addition, our Church is a designated voting/polling location.

Our Church has touched the lives of each and every one of you, as well as many of your friends and neighbors and we hope you will show your support for all the Church has done for you and the Community by purchasing a brick for our Memorial Patio. In the back of the Sanctuary is a sample brick. Each brick is 12" x 12" and can be inscribed with your name or the name of your loved ones either in memory or in honor of their lives. Each brick can hold up to 12 lines with 23 characters.

Each brick costs \$150 and we need to sell 400 bricks to build this Memorial Patio! When considering your purchase, please remember that the message contained within each brick you purchase, whatever it may be, will be enjoyed for generations to come. The Memorial Patio will be built outside the back of the Sanctuary and will always be available for viewing by you, your friends and family, as well as all of your descendants. Think of the smiles your Memorial Patio brick will create when your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, etc., read your name and message in the future.

You should have received a letter and order form. Please follow the instructions carefully and submit your order by **June 3rd**. **THE FOLLOWING 3 PAGES ARE THE ORDER FORM IN CASE YOU NEED ONE. TO MAKE AN ORDER PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF ALL THREE PAGES, FILL OUT, AND SUBMIT WITH PAYMENT.**

If you have any questions please send an email to Trustee Noreen VanDoren at Norvandoren@yahoo.com with your contact information and she will assist you.

If you know of others in the community, whether they be former church members, friends, relatives or community members, who may be interested in purchasing a Memorial Brick, feel free to share Noreen's email address with them to start the process to join in this historical event. Let's start creating memories!

ORDER FORM

Each brick will be concrete and 12"x12" in a Natural Gray color. Each brick allows 12 lines with 23 characters per line for your message. You may also add one symbol per brick that will be centered above the text. You may request a custom logo by including the image. We will call if we have questions. You can order as many bricks as you want. Each brick will cost \$150. You may pay by writing out a check to McKownville UMC or providing your credit card information (using a credit card will add an additional \$1.00 transaction fee). **All orders are due by June 3rd to McKownville UMC.**

1565 Western Ave, Albany NY 12203

I would like to order a brick that says:

I would also like the following symbol on my brick (please print the exact name of your selected symbol from the next two pages). This is optional.

I would like to order a second brick that says:

I would also like the following symbol on my second brick (please print the exact name of your selected symbol from the next two pages). This is optional.



Bouquet



Church



Angel



Candle



Dove



Dove 2



Fire Department



Medical



Police



Star of life



Medal



Medal of Honor



B-day Cake



Graduation Cap



Wedding Bells



Sheriff



US National Guard



US Navy



Boy Scouts



Girl Scouts



Kiwanis



US Air Force



US Army



US Marine



US Veterans of Foreign Wars



Foot Print 2



Hand Prints



LILY



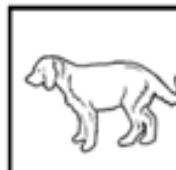
Home



Music Symbols



Cat



Dog



Dog Paws



Peace



Opened Book



Pinetree 2



Sun



Wedding Bands



World



Baptism



Bible



Cross



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total Number of Bricks: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please provide your credit card information here if you would like to use this method of payment:

Name: _____

Type of Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

Total: \$ _____

(*Please include the \$1.00 credit card fee.)

JUNE DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
June 5	Ken and Curtis Grupe	Arthur Stott
June 12	PICNIC, N/A	PICNIC, N/A
June 19	Susan and Bill Burns	Praise
June 26	Patty and Paul Krekeler	Nancy Rhodes
July 3	Elizabeth Mensah and Pauline Martin	Praise



Greeters & Ushers Coordinator: Pauline Martin - 456-3784

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.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

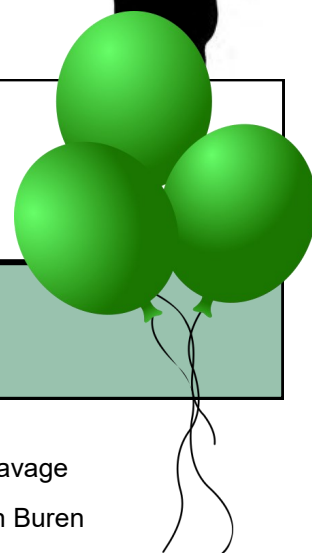
Anniversaries



5 – Steve & Joan Butler
 5 – Delores & Bert Campbell
 5 – George & Connie Stott
 8 – John & Nanci Lutz
 10 – Chris & Amy DeVall
 11 – Nancy & Steve Clarke
 16 – Lee & Vivian Jones
 17 – Charles & Jeanette Wager
 19 – William & Ann Marie Gray
 25 – Donna & Arthur Bender
 28 – Oakley & Mary Neitzel
 29 – Robert & Patricia Schambach

Birthdays

1 – John Sitterly
 2 – Debbie Krekeler
 3 – Alexa Van Buren
 4 – Austin Van Buren
 4 – Jason Dythe
 4 – Cathy Clarke Wells
 5 – George Exekiel
 8 – Rebecca Douglass
 10 – Mark Jones
 12 – Paul Krekeler
 13 – Pearl Savage
 14 – Lyn Van Buren
 15 – Doug Arnott
 17 – Rev. Jim Bowen
 21 – Bart Stillman
 23 – James Gray
 24 – Kelly Visker
 28 – Amy DeVall
 30 – Mary Ellen Hall



JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays 9:30am- Praise 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 2:45 pm— Praise Team Practice 4:00pm— Quintessence 4:30pm— Wesley Ringers 5:45pm—New Song 6:30pm— Higher Up			1 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	2 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	3 Patio Brick Orders Due! Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	4 A.A. 7:00 am
5 One service at 9:30 am. Induction of new members and Confirmation	6 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	7 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	8 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	9 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	10 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	11 A.A. 7:00 am
12 Adult Forum 9:30 am Outdoor Service and Picnic 9:30 am	13 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	14 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	15 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	17 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	18 A.A. 7:00 am Youth Car Wash! (Front Church Lot) 10:00 am-2:00 pm
19 Adult Forum 9:30 am Service 9:30 am Father's Day!	20 Adult Forum 7:00 pm	21 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Church Charge Conference 7:00 pm	22 Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	23 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am American Sewing Guild 12:30 pm	24 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	25 A.A. 7:00 am
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Welcome June

A Poem

I am so excited that once again it is June
When the sun is bright and the birds all sing in tune

Winter is finally gone so no more shoveling of the snow
Now there are hedges to trim and also grass to mow,

Just think, no more slipping or freezing or falling upon the ice
But, though now we must worry about the mosquitoes and the lice

In my youth and in my past I once loved the snow and the cold
Changes though will come, as with seasons as we are getting old,

The flowers they are awakening from their summer sleep
We now again have gardens to tend to and also yards to keep

We can now go off to the park and then off to visit the zoo
At night in the yard we could light marshmallows or have a barbecue,

It is the best month for parties and birthdays and marriages
So in June you had better be prepared to see baby carriages

And out in the yard and parks the children are eager to play
Only thing better than a June night, it is of course a June day,

Children can chase and catch lightning bugs late at night
While we all can sit around the yard with only a porch light

Winter was long and cold and finally here comes June
It again came right on time, not too late and never too soon.



Summer

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.....

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Picnic
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