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150th Anniversary Celebration

Don't forget this Sunday, November 6th is our special anniversary celebration service and coffee hour! There will be one service at 9:30 am.

*Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night!

*Articles for the
December
Newsletter are
due by
November 15th.*

UMC Market

Read inside for a new way to do holiday shopping for your loved ones and give back to the church at the same time!



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Everything is changing. There is nothing that lasts permanently without changing under the sun as the Proverbs says. As the weather changes, we change the switch on the thermostat from air conditioner to heater. We are almost at the end of election season and voices for change are becoming bigger and bigger. Here I am not talking only about the changes of the weather and of the world. We, not only psychologically and spiritually but physically and relationally, are changing. Our faith, character, and personality are changing. It doesn't matter if we intend to change or not; we are changing continuously. We are changing, for better for worse, and we don't just perceive because we change so slowly.

We are changing living together affecting one another. No one can live alone. We are not created for that way. We, by living together, become as we are to be. Living together gives us good and bad at the same time always. And we can enjoy and endure all those changes that happen to us.

Perhaps, our generation may be best defined with the words like anxiety and anger, as many say. Unlike our basic human desires and expectations, it seems that we live with more fear and discontent than our previous generations did. In the election season, politicians again make many promises for the rosy future, but we know that they are mostly empty ones at best. Certainly we're living in a more affluent era than previous ones were, but we don't feel safer and more secure, not more satisfied and more satiated than they were. Instead, we see people who are more anxious and angrier than before. There are plenty of reasons for this, especially in our cut-throat competition and extremely compelling, do or die, and make or break society.

Living as a Christian means that we think and live out the meaning of life and what should characterize a good and purposeful life. We live in the ungodly world, but more importantly we walk with God in our journey. And we live an on-going battle between principles and realities, core values of our Christian faith and the challenges of the world. The more we want to live by principles rooted in Christian faith, the more challenges we have to deal with. As Paul said we are called to live the life "being transformed by renewing our minds" but we are tempted and tested to "be conformed" to the pattern and trend of the world.

But, basically and fundamentally, I have an ultimate confidence in the goodness of creation and life, since God created and purported them that way. Christian faith provides the source of hope and strength to move forward no matter what challenges we have. And so we Christians believe that when we embrace diversity and difference of others and see beauty and uniqueness in others, we will see more harmony and unity, joy and peace in lives.

Christian life, no matter how big one wants to be, begins with the decision to start practicing a small thing in life. And this is what I want to do this month. I will not blame, criticize, derogate, denigrate, or take down others in any circumstances, but I will always elevate and lift up others. God help me! *By Charlie Yang*



By Charlie Yang

Let's Take A Walk...

C'mon, let's take a walk. Taking a walk easily fits into the “paradox category” of our lives. In other words, the time we need to take a walk the most, is most likely the time we think we can't afford to take the time to walk. Did that sound a little confusing??

Well, perhaps a reasonable explanation goes like this – Our lives are busy every day, and it doesn't look like there's a light at the end of the tunnel. The Holidays are just around the corner, the work schedule doesn't let up, kids have more places to go, and well, you know, the list goes on and on.

So, with all that said, it just might be time to take a walk! Taking a few minutes out each day to get some exercise, especially this time of year breathing the crisp air and seeing God's portrait of Fall on the trees, could be just what we need to reconnect with ourselves and loved ones.

Walking opens up the mind and the channels of communication. Have you had the experience of taking a walk with your spouse or friend and somehow, somehow, the words seem to flow easier? Ideas are generated, and some solid plans are made that all can agree to?? It's true, walking is synergistic. As we exercise our bodies, we exercise our minds. And when we return to our tasks at hand, they're still there, still staring at us, but we approach them with a different and renewed perspective.

And so it is on a much greater scale with our Lord. Have we taken time to take a few steps with Jesus today.? We hear the phrase, “Our walk with the Lord”, and it's something we need to act upon. Jesus doesn't ask us to “take a jog” with Him, or “I know you're busy, let's try some sprints”. Nope, Jesus simply wants us to enjoy time with Him on our lifelong Christian Walk.

Walking with the Lord can be done at any time. We may just need to take five minutes from our busy days, maybe when we're at our busiest. Jesus will be there to set our minds in the right direction and renew our spirits. Our walk with the Lord is the most important journey we can take. As our physical walks refresh us and keep our bodies and minds in good health, similarly our Walk with Jesus opens up our spiritual lives and gives our hearts and souls the upward lift we all sometimes need so desperately.

Life is hectic, and many times we just can't imagine finding time for a walk. Yet, those are the time we need them the most. And the same holds true for our spiritual lives. When we're simply worn out, out of gas, and can't seem to find one ounce of energy, we know it's time for a walk...with Jesus.

Are you feeling like that now? If you are listen closely, take a few minutes in a quiet place, you just might hear the words,..., the words of Jesus coming to you saying,...**Let's take a Walk....**

Enjoy the journey into the Holidays,

Dom Perfetti



Chrismons



Throughout the ages, symbols have served as visual representations of spiritual truths. For those unable to read, they also provided a means of teaching the great doctrines and events of the Bible in a way that could be easily understood and remembered.

The use of Christian symbols dates back to the First Century. They have been painted or engraved on the walls of catacombs, tombs, and churches. They are to be found in some of Christendom's most famous paintings and frescos.

In keeping with this ancient tradition, a large collection of symbols, both ancient and contemporary, have been into delicate pieces of Christian art suitable for hanging on Christmas trees. The plain white finish serves to direct attention to the symbol itself, rather than to that which embellishes it. A brief description is provided with each piece explaining its historical background and spiritual significance.

These Christian symbols, sometimes known as Chrismons (from the term Christ Monogram), are available for either home trees or larger auditorium size church trees. They can be purchased painted or unpainted.

Laser cut from fine cabinetry wood, each symbol receives numerous paintings and hand-sandings which produce a beautiful piece of Christian art with a ceramic-like finish.

It is our hope that these beautiful Christian symbols will not become "just another Christmas decoration" on the tree. Rather, may they be a statement of faith, emphasizing the true meaning of this holy season.

The Chi Rho

In the original Greek text, the word "Christ" was written XRISTOS. The letters CHI (X) and RHO (R or P) were combined into one of the earliest known Christian symbols. It has been found inscribed on the walls of Roman catacombs dating back to the 2nd century. In Hebrew, the word "Christ" is translated "Messiah", which means "the anointed one".

The Fish

In its early years, Christianity was an illegal religion. Because of this, the "Sign of the Fish" became a universal symbol that secretly identified believers to one another. The Greek word for "fish" is IXOYS. These five letters were also the first letter (in Greek) of the words JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON SAVIOUR. By drawing the "Sign of the Fish", Christians revealed both their identity and the basis of their faith.

Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas Trees in Churches and Christians homes.

They were first made by Frances Kipps Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, USA. She also thought of the word, Chrismon, which is a combination of Christ and monogram (meaning symbol). The idea quickly spread to other churches. It is traditional that Christian groups can make their own Chrismons with their favourite symbols on.

Each year a 20ft (6 metre) Christmas Tree is decorated in the Ascension Lutheran Church, as Mrs Spencer intended, and visitors come and the hear the story of Jesus explained through her original

Chrismons and a few gifts from around the world.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory. Chrismons can be made from nearly anything, but paper and embroidered ones are the most widely used. Below are some symbols that are common Chrismons and what they represent to Christians.

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The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a Cross.



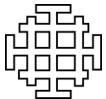
The Latin Cross, also sometimes called the Roman Cross. The base of the Cross has three steps that symbolize faith, hope, and love.



The Irish or Celtic Cross is a normal cross with a circle in the middle to symbolize eternity.



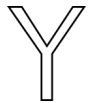
The Triumphant Cross represents the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in the world.



The Jerusalem Cross was worn by the crusaders going to Jerusalem, in the middle ages. It can symbolize the Four Gospels in the Bible, the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth or the five wounds of Jesus when he died on the cross.



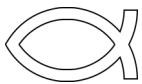
The Eastern Cross is used by many Eastern or Orthodox Churches.



The Furca or Upsilon Cross comes from the Greek letter Y. It is also called The Thieves' Cross from the two robbers who were crucified on each side of Jesus. It also symbolizes the choice between good and evil.



The Anchor Cross reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen.



Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Used together, they are the symbolize that Christians believe Jesus is the beginning and end of all things.



The Chi-Rho looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.



The Star of David, sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.



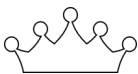
A Five Pointed Star represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.



The Nativity Star is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the Wisemen visited Jesus.



An Eight Pointed Star represents baptism and regeneration.



The Crown is the symbol that Jesus in King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.



The Shepherd's Crook or Staff remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.



Both of these symbols represent the Christian 'Trinity' of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. **The Triquetra** is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the trinity. **The Trefoil** (at the bottom) is three equal circles intertwined to form a whole.



Hands in Prayer help Christians remember that they should pray to God.



The Scroll represents the Bible.



The Dove is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.



The Lamp and **The Candle** both represent that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.



The Shell is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized in. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel.



The Keys are a symbol for the Church in all the world. Jesus told his friend Peter that "I will give you keys to heaven", so this means that Christians have to tell other people about Jesus.



The Ship is also a symbol of the Church, sailing towards heaven.



The Cup or Chalice is a symbol of the Mass, Eucharist or Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.



The Angel reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.



The Lamb is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lamb of God'.



The Butterfly is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.



The Heart is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.



The Lion is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah'. Jesus is also represented as Aslan the Lion in the Chronicle of Narnia books by C S Lewis.



The White Rose is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary.

Visit <http://www.ezartsn Crafts.com/> for some great instructions for making a range of instructions including a shopping list!

Frequently Asked Chrismon Questions!

The Ascension Lutheran Church has been kind enough to allow us to re-produce some of the answers to Chrismon FAQs:

What materials can be used for making Chrismons?

Mrs. Spencer was a huge fan of recycling. Any material can be used to make a Chrismons Ornament. The only guideline is that they be made in gold and white. The most important aspect of a Chrismons Ornament is its ability to share Christ's story.

Can Chrismons Ornaments be hung on my home tree?

Yes. Chrismons Ornaments can be used to decorate your home Christmas Tree. If you are decorating a Chrismons Tree only the colors of white and gold should be on the tree.

Why do some ornaments have small amounts of color?

One or two Chrismons Ornaments like "The Pelican in Her Piety" have one color other than white, gold, or clear in the design. The color is allowed for a specific purpose, deemed significant enough to telling Christ's story. For example, when there is no food available, the Pelican will pick her own breast shedding her blood and giving her life for her children. The drops of blood on the breast in the ornament remind us of Christ's shedding of blood for us on the cross.

Are there guidelines for arranging the ornaments on the tree?

Each church displaying a Chrismons Tree must decide the arrangement of their Chrismons Ornaments. Ascension Lutheran Church has several traditions that have developed over the years. First the Christian Year Series is the focal point for the front of our tree. There are one or two ornaments related to this collection that we hang on the tree in the middle of the larger circles, made by the infinity symbol. Our last supper ornament is hung beneath the Christian Year Series.

Facing the tree to right, we have a number of international ornaments and gifts that have been given to the church. On the opposite left side, we have a collection of the Beatitudes ornaments, and a Children's corner near the base of the tree.



Who We Are

The people of McKownville United Methodist Church are diverse; however, throughout time in the church's ministry they all have been children of God.

Suburban and Rural In 1941 T. S. Thomas, a deacon (not an ordained elder) at Center Glenville Methodist Church, remembered his four months in 1923 as a supply pastor at McKownville while the appointed pastor Brother Tynan recovered his voice. "It was my privilege to ring suburban doorbells and knock upon country doors where my knuckles served as only knocker, and got equally cordial reception in both places, in your complex community." Historically, next to the church stood a blacksmith shop, a hotel and several dwellings, along with an ice house at the pond behind.

The Church and area changes Robert J. L. Williams, the 1947 - 1953 pastor, recorded April 1, 1948: "On an average pledge of 75 cents a week, compared with last year's average pledge of 49 cents a week - we were able to inform our District Superintendent that this church no longer needed missionary support." Marie Williams, widow of Rev. Williams, wrote in 1998: "... the people of McKownville United Methodist Church ... were a financially independent Church, World War II had ended, large farms in Westmere area were turned into housing developments. Families moved in and found McKownville Methodist Church, joined the church and became active in the Sunday School and Youth programs."

This rapid expansion taxed both the community and the congregation. The former Great Western Turnpike which the McKownville church bordered, now Western Avenue, changed from a two-lane road to a hustling street as business grew. For example, Stuyvesant Plaza opened in 1959.

Caucasian and multi-cultural While the area had been a rather homogeneous community, the state workforce, the local university community with SUNY Albany, etc. have attracted various ethnicities to the area. The church had a Multi-cultural Team starting 1999/2000 for several years until it was disbanded (about June 2008) after sponsoring multi-cultural events and consciousness raising.

Long-term and transient members McKownville UMC has about *thirty-five constituents who have been members for over fifty years*. Of them, the longest term member is William (Bill) Seim who has been a member for seventy-five years since 1941 when he joined as a confirmand. Others who have been members for sixty or more years are: Ildra Ableman Morse (1947), Marion Leizer & Evelyn Siebert Fink (1948), Connie Acker Stott (1950), Vera Lund (1951), Robert Mosall (1954), Vivian Crouse Jones (1952), Milton Chiboucas (1955), Delores Kramer O'Hanlon & Edwina (Stutz) Krause & Mary Sottong (1956). At the same time, in a now mobile society members have moved to other geographical areas to follow their careers. College students get new homes after graduating.

Praise band and "traditional" worship attendees The two types of worship services normally attract different persons, though some may attend the other service for various reasons. A recent team meeting was noted to be quite diverse. Attendees ranged from in their teens to over age 70 and included both long-term and recent adult members.

*"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."*



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

New Donation Program!

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.

How it Works.

Every store at UMCmarket is happy to pay a percentage of the purchased amount as a donation. There is no additional cost or charge for either you or our church. The stores send UMCmarket the contributions within a variable time frame of 30-90 days. Once our church reaches \$100 in total donations, a check will be mailed.

Signing Up is Free!

You can easily sign up for free. When you go to UMCmarket, you will click on the "Get Started" button. You will have the option to sign up with your Facebook account or enter your email and create a password. You will then be prompted to download the Easy Give Button and find our church. With these three simple steps, you are ready to shop and donate!

Easy Give Button

Using the Easy Give Button App is the easiest way for you to shop and donate. Once it's downloaded, you will see the UMC Cross and Flame icon in your browser toolbar. This Easy Give Button will allow you to shop directly at store websites and let you know that you are connected.

- ♥ Research shows that members who download the Easy Give Button generate more than double the amount of donations to their church. You don't have to remember to visit UMCmarket.org before you start shopping!

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 [in-fo@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.



150th Anniversary Celebration!

You are invited to attend our 150th Anniversary Worship Service at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 6. The service will include music from the praise team, adult choir, and both handbell choirs and the morning message by Rev. Rich Weihing, our District Superintendent. Our current pastor, Rev. Charlie Yang, and our former pastors Revs. Steve Butler, Terry O'Neill, and Rich Weihing will celebrate communion as the conclusion of the anniversary service. A special coffee hour will follow so feel free to stick around.

Also, the landscaping crew has been hard at work putting together our Memorial Patio so check it out! Do you see your brick?

The second celebration will be an **Anniversary Dinner at 6 pm and program at 7:30 pm on Saturday, November 19**. Dinner will be prepared by Mallozzi's and will include hors d'oeuvres, a buffet of salad, rolls, entrees (turkey and eggplant parmesan), vegetables, and dessert. Please return your reservation and payment to the church at 1565 Western Avenue, Albany, 12203 as soon as possible.

- ⇒ Photo displays of church buildings and activities through the years are up in the back of the sanctuary—Take a look! If you have photos you would like to share, there will be space for you to post them.
- ⇒ **HISTORICAL BOOKLETS** created by Nancy Rutenber are available in the back of the sanctuary!



Daylight savings ends this Sunday morning (the 6th) at 2:00 a.m. so don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night!

YOUTH NEWS

Guilderland Youth Group is an open gathering of youth in grades 8-12. We meet to relate, to be social, to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ, to nurture faith development, and to equip young leaders. We meet 3-4 times per month for FUN, SERVICE, LEARNING and WORSHIP experiences. If you are looking for a group of young people to GO and DO – this is for you!!!

Conference (CCYM) Fall Gathering

November 11th and 12th at Saratoga Springs UMC. Advanced Registration Required! This is A TON of fun and you won't want to miss out. This year's theme is "God is..." Here is an excerpt from their program, "*God is the acts of kindness that counteract the evil wrongs of the world.*";

This will be a commutable event – no overnight required. But it is recommended to attend both days if possible. Mark the calendar – Angela Stott will be contacting each youth individually to invite you to participate.

2018 Mission of Peace – Next year's Mission of Peace will be to CUBA! How exciting! For so many years American's have not been allowed within the borders of CUBA and now for the first time ever, the MOP program will get their team in to connect with this amazing culture. 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, 2017). 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.

NOVEMBER 5th in Voorheesville 9am till we finish, **PUMPKIN PIE BAKING!!!!** Throughout the month of October if you would select usable but not sellable cracked pumpkins from the patch and cook puree for pies, and freeze them at home, we will need about 100 cups of puree for this project on 11/5

ELECTION DAY will be a big day at the polls because it is a presidential election. YOUTH - Please plan to attend the Bake Sale for part of the day to help raise money. **We also need BAKED GOODS!** Ask your parents, grandparents or bake it yourself! We need a HUGE sale this year! Tuesday, Nov 8th.





Adult Study

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.

Pumpkin Pie Baking

Saturday November 5th at Voorheesville UMC, 9:30am – 1pm.

This is a great event, open to all youth in grades 7-12. I need some extra adults too! Come see what happens to the pumpkin after the Patch closes down! About 20 of our leftover patch pumpkins get cooked down into puree and made into 100 Pumpkin Pies which are donated to the Capital City Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving Dinner. This event is a fun, hands on service project! Come out for the whole time or just stay for a little while, this is a day you won't want to miss!



♥ Contact Angela Stott if you need a carpool! Pizza will be provided at lunchtime.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

Honor those who mean the most to you with the gift of a flower! Both memorials and honorariums accepted in multiple price ranges. See order form for details. Orders due no later than Sunday, Dec. 11th, 2016. Contact Angela Stott to place your order or if you have questions! Flowers will be on display Dec 24th thru Dec 31st and can be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship service, after worship on Sunday, Dec 25th or donated to be delivered to a shut in.

Computer is Fixed!

Apologies for any hold-ups the office computer may have caused while it was out of service. We have been working for the past few weeks to get things back up and running again and we've finally got it!

Special thanks to James Stott and Kelly Visker for their time and effort.

Thank You

Fall Clean Up Day

This year's Fall clean up day will take place this coming Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Directory Update

Alan Longshore

New email:

alanlongshore1@gmail.com

Announcements Continued...

Church Singles Group (AKA CSG)

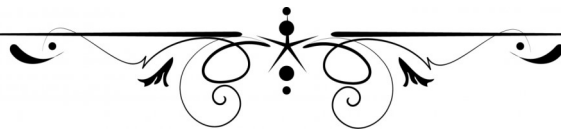
If you are a pre-retired single person, and would like to be added to the distribution email list of upcoming activities, give your email address to Ruth or Liz listed below. Some of the plans are planned kind of last minute and communicating via email would make it easier to get the word out about the activity. As always, the goal of the group to provide support, fellowship and social networking. Please consider attending future gatherings.

For further information contact: Ruth Candelario rnc_t_pr07@yahoo.com or Liz Wiseman bolster-wise@gmail.com

Christmas Sanctuary Decorating

Come November 20th at noon and start the Christmas season by decorating the sanctuary. We will start by having lunch together. Soup, beverages and dessert will be provided or you can bring your own lunch. After lunch we will decorate the sanctuary, including putting up the Christmas tree, advent wreath and nativity scene, so we are ready for the start of Advent.

If you have any questions, contact Darcianne Leizer, ennaicrad@juno.com or 456-1063.



Mission Opportunities

Home rebuilding mission trip seeks volunteers

The Immanuel United Methodist Church is planning to support a team of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers to help with home rebuilding projects from April 17-22, 2017 in the West Virginia area. Every person will be paired with someone who knows about the assigned task, and nobody will be asked to do anything they do not want to do or is unsafe. The nature of the project won't be determined until close to the departure date.

The Immanuel UMC will host an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11. For more information, please contact Mike Block at (315) 491-0497 or mblock@wwdb.org. Forms must be submitted before March 20. [Click here](#) for more information about this mission trip.



Mission Opportunities

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Take a moment to fill a shoebox with gifts and prayers for children in need. Each box contains an information sheet about items to include, as well as instructions regarding the cost of shipping. Please remember to put a rubber band around the box when you return it. If you want to help out, but are unable to fill a box yourself, you can drop off items to fill boxes in the laundry basket in the back of the Sanctuary and the Youth Group will put together additional boxes. The filled boxes must be returned to the church **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13. Our goal is to provide 80 children** with boxes of love, joy and the message of Christ. We hope you can help us meet that goal. Thank you, the McKownville United Methodist Church Youth



Food Pantry always needs:

- ♥ juice
- ♥ rice
- ♥ canned meats: salmon, chicken, tuna
- ♥ canned potatoes
- ♥ soup
- ♥ chili
- ♥ canned fruit
- ♥ tomato products
- ♥ whole wheat pasta
- ♥ spaghetti sauce
- ♥ coffee, tea, cocoa
- ♥ pancake mix
- ♥ syrup
- ♥ honey
- ♥ corn oil
- ♥ cereal
- ♥ all personal care items
- ♥ all paper products such as: kleenex, toilet paper and paper towels
- ♥ cleaning products



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 11th

\$ 5.75 Poinsettia Red Pink No preference

\$15.75 Poinsettia Red _NA_ Pink No preference

\$25.00 Poinsettia Red only

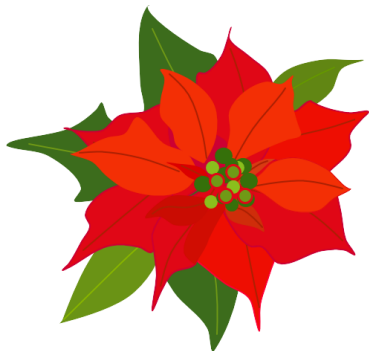
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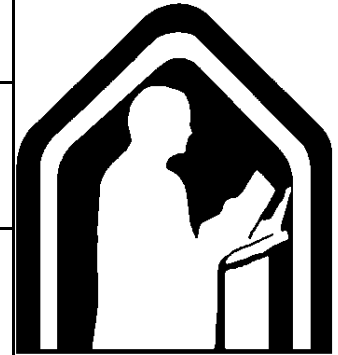
I will pick up plant after Christmas Eve Service

please give my plant to a shut-in.



NOVEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
November 6	Barbara and Paul Cullen, Kerry Ann and Hal Williams	None, Anniversary Service
November 13	Ildra and Carl Morse	Kristin Waters
November 20	Delores Campbell, Linda Faulkner	Eugene Gee
November 27	Eugene Gee, Bud Davies	Elizabeth Mensah
December 4	Susan and Bill Burns	Tom Myers



Greeters & Ushers Coordinator: Looking for a new volunteer!!

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Chris Steffens - 608-5300

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber - 456-0412

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 6 – James & Angela Stott
- 6 – John & Debra Sitterly
- 8 – Charles & Beverly Davies
- 15 – Norman & Ellen Swanson

Birthdays

- 1 – Charles Wager
- 1 – Diane Steffens
- 2 – Nancy Pullen
- 2 – Debra Sitterly
- 3 – Patrick DeVall
- 4 – Lisa Templin
- 5 – Charles Davies
- 7 – David Bruner
- 7 – Matthew Shropshire
- 9 – Ruth O'Hare
- 10 – Olive Ezekiel
- 11 – Frank D'Ambrosio
- 11 – Julia Roske
- 11 – Sharon Clancy
- 11 – Brian Moon
- 18 – Donna Markessinis
- 18 – Nicholas Scolaro
- 19 – Ashlyn Van Buren
- 20 – Georgianna Belus
- 21 – Ildra Morse
- 25 – Ed Cole
- 25 – Laura Hoenig
- 25 – Leo Hoenig
- 27 – Mary Baldwin
- 28 – Carl Morse
- 30 – Todd Nemec



NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat										
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		A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Yoga 5:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	A.A. 7:00 am FALL BACK! [Change clocks back one hour tonight!]										
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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven,
Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,
please look kindly upon us
and receive our heartfelt gratitude
in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings

You have bestowed upon us,
spiritual and temporal:
our faith and religious heritage,
our food and shelter, our health,
the loves we have for one another,
our family and friends.

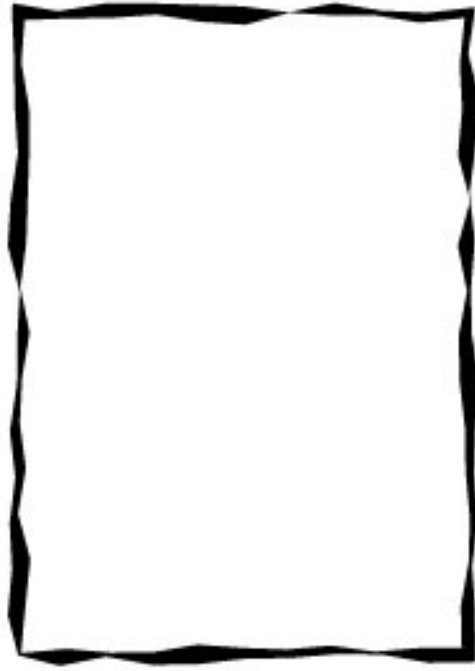
Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,
please grant us continued graces and blessing
throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus,
Your Son and our Brother.

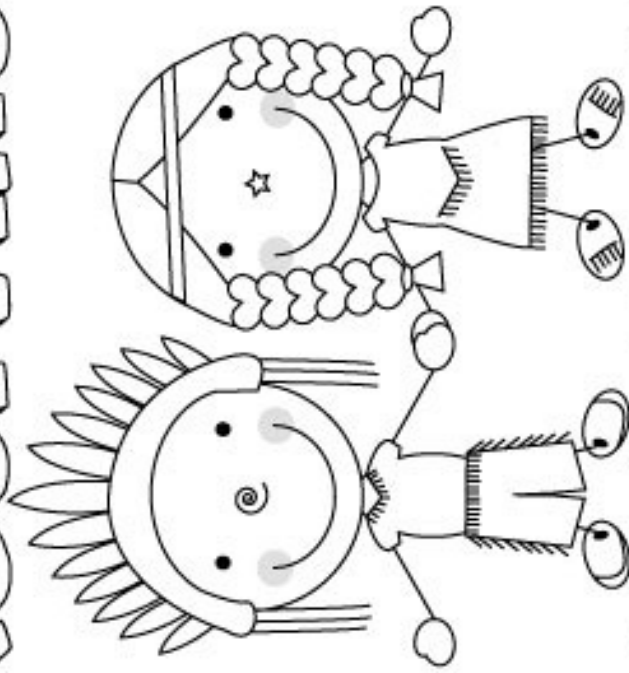
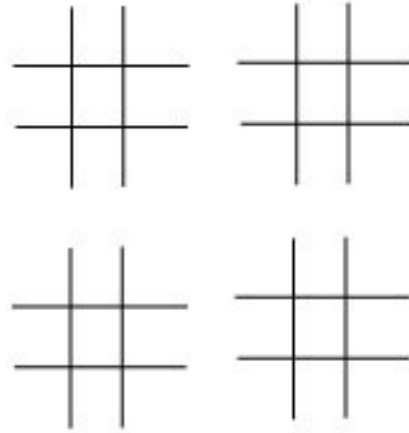
Amen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Draw a picture of what you're thankful for.

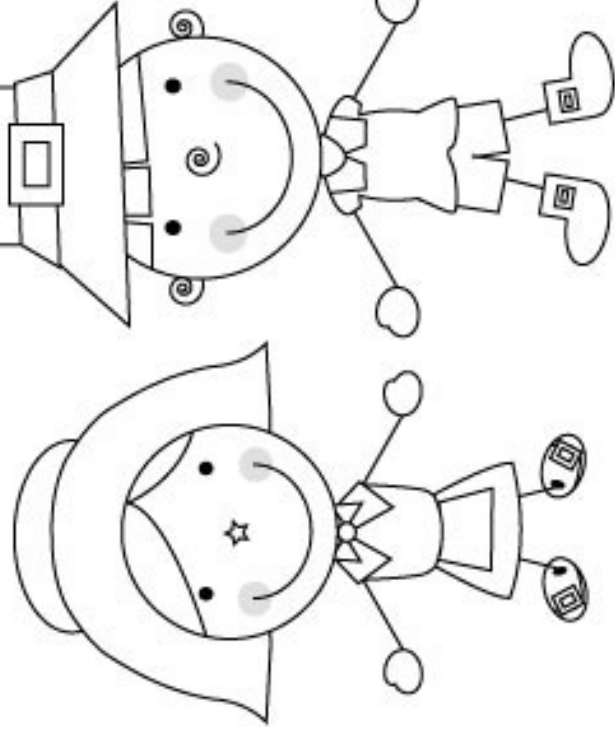


Play Tic Tac Toe with a friend



- Circle the words**
- Native American
 - John Smith
 - Pocahontas
 - Pilgrim
 - Columbus
 - Cornucopia
 - Turkey
 - Harvest
 - Santa Maria
 - pumpkin
 - cake
 - Pie
 - ham
 - Nina
 - corn
 - Pinta
 - Peas
 - butter

A M P I N T A W N Z N F G
 N A T I V E A M E R I C A N
 B H Q L N P I E N V A Y P N I B I
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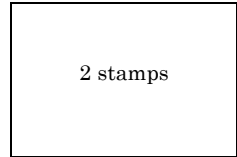


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