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Mission of Peace Fundraisers!

Please read about the 2016 Mission of Peace trip and check out the fundraisers that will ease the burden. Your donation WILL make a difference!

- ★ Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands Fundraiser
- ★ Spaghetti Dinner
- ★ Blaze Pizza



Pumpkin Patch!



The pumpkins will be arriving on September 22! Read inside for more details!



Brooks BBQ



Visit our semiannual Brooks BBQ on October 1st! Eat in or carry out from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Back to Church Sunday

The summer is coming to a close. This means changing leaves, cooler weather and the start of the school year. We hope you will join us for National Back to Church Sunday on **September 11th**. On this day we will resume two services with our **Contemporary Praise Service at 9:30 a.m.** and **Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.**



You're Invited

NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY



<https://twitter.com/MckownvilleUMC>



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

From the Pastor



September is coming soon and kids will go back to school and our church also will regain the energetic rhythm and pattern of ministry and activity after a long rest and preparation for a new year. I am with great excitement and expectation envisioning a great year for our church for many reasons. Our worship services, both traditional one and contemporary praise one, will give people more enhanced opportunities to experience God and people will be finding life's meaning and direction through being parts of worships. And our children's ministry and youth group will generate and give more energy and motivations to both children and youth in learning and growing in their faith, character and relationship with God. And our diverse ministry and mission opportunities, both local and global, will enlarge the kingdom of God through faithful and energetic taking initiatives and taking active parts in them.

And there will be many more reasons for the positive envisioning of our church and all these will come true through our faith and faithfulness to the fundamental and intrinsic purposes of church.

We are faith a community grounded, guided, and guarded above all by the Bible and its teachings. We in the Bible see three major pillars on which we the church need to stand: confessional, connectional, and commissional. Christian church is based on Peter's confession of Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:16), and we affirm it whenever we gather together. And the New Commandments that Jesus gave us are the foundations of our ministry and mission (love God and love neighbor). And Jesus last command to us, making disciples of Christ to the ends of the earth, is the center in our mission and life in the world. We are called to make disciples through living as Jesus' disciples.

The third pillar, commissional (Jesus' last command), needs to take our attention and action more. Our immediate intention and attention should be on this instrumental ministry.

One of several tools to assess and measure being a faithful church to Jesus' command is asking how much efforts and energy we put on inviting people into the relationship with God in Jesus Christ. The fruitfulness of ministry often depends on how effectively we use trend of our society. In terms of inviting people, the fall is important, because more people tend to come back to church during this period of time. This is why the months from September till December have been known as "Harvest Months" among church growth and leadership teachers. Traditionally more people tend to come back to church because their awareness of need of faith and willingness to get involved in the local church go up. And so churches are encouraged to boost more tools and opportunities to draw those people to church this period of time of the year.

Inviting people into the relationship is intrinsic in being a church faithful to Jesus' command. In his conversation with his disciples Jesus said, *"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the field! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor"* (John, 4: 34-38).

As we are told, in the Bible, that a town of Samaritans entirely came to the relationship with Jesus Christ because of a woman's witness and invitation, we are called to invite people into the relationship with God in Christ Jesus, for a new life, for a new being (faith and character), for a new relationship.... I am envisioning here again what God will do for us and through us for the people in our area. And I believe that all these visions will be coming to us according to how we respond to the visions and take actions.

By Charlie Yang



Right at Home

Where are we most comfortable?? Where do we feel we can let our guard down and just be ourselves?? Hopefully, most of us will say, well, when we're at home! Home is the place where we hang our hat and relax. It's our safe place. Even when we go on vacation, it's always good to come home. An old saying I saw as a young boy read, *"Travel east, travel west, after all, home is best."* I must have seen that well over forty years ago, but it still sticks with me.

Yes, the word "home" is the term we use when we're in our element, our comfort zone. Think about someone that has mastered a skill, or an athlete playing a great game; we'll often say, *"He (or she) is right at home."* Whether it be the baseball pitcher who finds a groove, the master chef in the kitchen or the experienced teacher at the front of the class, we know talent and skill when we see it, and we can tell when someone is feeling *right at home*.

Being away from home, especially when it's not for leisure, can be trying. Long business trips to unfamiliar places, students traveling abroad, or those times when we've gotten lost in a place we've never been before can all be excellent reasons to "click our heels" and wish we were home. Being away from home can be nerve racking, regardless of our age, and sometimes the unfamiliar just gets to us and we long to be back in the place we all call home.

When we reflect back on the Jesus' life, it's odd to think He had no home on earth. He knew his home was with his Father in Heaven, and that He would be reunited with Him there. Yet, even though He had no place to call home, He was at home wherever He went. He knew the Father was with Him always. In the desert, in a crowd by Himself in prayer, in the home of a tax collector and yes, even when hanging on a Cross, He was at home with His Father.

Jesus provides the same comfort and confidence for us when we call on Him through prayer. Wherever we are, and wherever we go, Jesus is right there with us. When we're in a happy place with our families, He's there. When we're traveling and miss the comforts of our physical home, He's there with us to remind us that anywhere we go, we can be at home with Him.

We all enjoy our comfort zones, and most of us would rather avoid the unexpected unknowns and interruptions that create additional stress in our lives. But let's always remember, when we have Jesus with us, there's never a reason to be afraid or panic. He's there, just a prayer away. Call on His Holy name and we'll see how quickly we'll be...well...***right at home!***

Enjoy your travels and God Bless,

Dom Perfetti 



One Sided

It's just not fair! How many times have we said that in our lives?? We all want to see things done fairly and equally, especially when it's about us!! When things are "one sided," we don't like it. We know that there are at least two sides to every story, and when we only hear one, it's just not enough to satisfy our human nature.

Even when we're at sporting events, we like to see competition. Sure, if our team is winning with a lopsided score, we might feel good about our team, but even in those situations, a one-sided victory can be less rewarding than a well fought battle for the win.

And so it goes in life, we have an innate ability to sense the one sidedness of situations, and even in our early years, we see it, sense it and don't like it. It just isn't fair! It wasn't then and it's not now.

So where can we get the fair and unbiased viewpoint? One that we can always trust and not have to second guess? How do we judge and who is to judge? It's difficult to declare something unfair or stacked to one side if we don't understand each and every aspect of the circumstances. But how can we do that? Are we expected to know the thoughts and feelings of everyone involved to make a solid judgment or decision??

Well, no, but, there is Someone that can, and that Someone is very One sided. Someone who judges fairly one hundred percent of the time, completely from a One-sided view. When we face struggles that have such twisted stories and emotions, how do we unravel them, and also be able to look at them objectively? As in any situation in life, we turn to Jesus. Jesus is the only One-sided source that we can rely on for direction and the right path. It's so difficult for us at times to find the right answer and right advice when we look to each other. As much as our hearts may be willing to provide the best response possible to help a friend through a difficult time, sometimes it's just too difficult to separate feelings and not have our thoughts come from a one-sided view.

Jesus, on the other hand, knows all our thoughts and knows exactly what is on our hearts. When we call on Him to help us through all the difficulties we face in life. We can also rest assured that His answer will be One sided, but that is exactly what we need. We need to simply turn to Him, pour out our thoughts and feelings, and let Him answer as only He can do. His answers will always be One sided, because He and only He can answer us in a Holy and just way, consistently, for any situation we face.

In our day to day lives, we'll continually run into issues that we feel are one sided and need to be worked out for fairness and consistency. And in each case, we need to turn to Jesus, and let Him give us his One-sided view. It's the only one we will ever need.

With Jesus, life is just fine when it's **One sided**.

Dan Perfetti



HISTORICAL NOTE:

Men at McKownville

The men of the McKownville church do a lot of church work (as do the women). The men also met socially, played together, and sponsored other groups.

Fri., March 2, 1928 in weekly Altamont News McKownville (omitted last week) -

... Invitations are out for the *Father and Son banquet* to be held at the McKownville M. E. church, Friday evening, March 2nd. There will be several addresses by members of the Sunday school. The principal speaker of the evening will be Rev. Howard C. Ackley of Trinity M. E. church of Schenectady. Harry France will serve as toastmaster.

Friday, March 25, 1932 McKownville -

.... The regular Every Member canvas has been going on for the past two weeks and the canvassers will report March 21 at 7:30 the results.

Horse shoe pitching has become very popular with the men of the McKownville M. E. church. Last week a crowd attended there being about 10 teams. Some fine scores and many ringers were made. Clarence Albright, Rev. George Robinson, Gordon Pearle and Harry France were high. This Monday evening a much larger crowd is expected. After the game coffee and dough nuts will be served by Nicholas Crouse and Milo Clark.

After the 1954 twenty-three acre land purchase, the *Kiwanis group* met at the church for dinner meetings and the W.S.C.S. served an average of 40 men each week from 1954 - 1957. The ladies took on this project to enable them to pay their pledge of \$2,000 to help buy the land.

1965 McKownville Methodist - Rev. Charles J. Warner and Rev. Ralton M. Speers, ministers. [Saturday, May 2 was a farewell reception for Rev. Warner & his family at church.]

Saturday, April 24th:

8 a.m. Men's prayer fellowship breakfast

7:30 p.m. Couples' Club

Thursday, April 29th:

5 to 7 p. m. Roast beef dinner sponsored by Methodist Men, in church dining hall. Bazaar by the Women's Society Circles.

(Reservations were to be made with the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.)

7 p.m. Chancel choir.

9 p.m. Methodist Men's Bowling League.

In 1974 Methodist Men were sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 82

which met Tuesday evenings in the auditorium and a Little League baseball team. Their major fund raiser was a roast beef dinner in May. (Later the dinners were in November.)



1966 bowling team sponsored by McKownville UMC with l-r Fred Wagoner, Edward Wise, Doug Mosall, Leo Stahl, Bill Seim

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!!!

9/11 7:15pm Welcome Back Social

9/18 7:15pm Faith & Festivals

THURSDAY – Sept 22nd 4:30 - ? PUMPKINS ARRIVE

9/25 7:15pm Storytelling – What's Your Story?

Saturday 10/1 Brooks BBQ – Pumpkin Festival (youth run the patch all day so that other volunteers can work the BBQ)

10/9 7:15pm Music Night – How does Music affect you?

Saturday 10/15 – Spaghetti Dinner – We need your help!!! 4-8pm



Mission of Peace

The Albany District of the UMC has FOUR youth who have been chosen to be part of the NEJ Mission of Peace Team 2017 to Nicaragua! This speaks loudly to the quality of education, support and leadership that our district and conference provide for our young people.

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. In the case of vacancies, an annual conference may be allowed additional seats to fill these vacancies. 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.

Each year 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, the Jurisdictional and Conference Councils on Youth Ministries or Youth Ministry Teams humbly ask each church, UMW unit, UMM unit, UMY, and individuals for prayerful consideration of a monetary gift to the Conference MOP participants.

Each youth who journeys on the Mission of Peace is expected to share their experience at least five times upon their return. Each MOP'er is looking forward to telling their story of Shalom. They may be contacted individually or through the Conference Youth Coordinator.

Those who have journeyed on the Mission of Peace give thanks to God and to all who have made it possible for us to make this journey. We pray daily for Shalom, for understanding between people, and that there may be the chance that others can journey on a Mission of Peace.

Inspired by the preaching of Bishop Dale White, the Mission of Peace was brought into existence by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Council on Youth Ministries (NEJCYM) Legislative Session at Albright College, July 28-31, 1984. Each year since, the NEJCYM Legislative Session has affirmed the priority of the Mission of Peace in order that new understandings of community and shalom might continue to develop. The MOP has traveled to the USSR (86-88, 90), The People's Republic of China (89, 97, 01, 06, 11, 16), Eastern Europe (91,92), Zimba-bwe (93, 96, 99), Guyana (94), India (95, 00, 05, 10, 15), Nicaragua (98, 03, 07, 12, 17), Brazil (02, 04), Cuba (08, 13), and South Africa (09, 14).

The Youth chosen for the 2017 MOP team are:

Eliana Mora, Emmaus UMC
Arthur Stott, McKownville UMC
Emily Burns, McKownville UMC
 Emily Hyde, Calvary UMC



Upcoming fundraisers for the Mission of Peace team include:

I am excited to announce that our MOP Nicaragua 2017 is participating in the Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands fundraiser.

The fastest and easiest way for us to sell these car wash tickets is online at our custom home page on the Helping Hands website:

<http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/missiontriptonicaragua>

Here you can buy tickets and have them delivered electronically directly to an email or mobile device. You can also see our fundraiser progress and learn more about our organization. Feel free to share this address with your friends, family, coworkers - everybody needs a car wash and selling them online is easy for everyone.

This fundraiser can be a great success if we all work together.

**WE PUT THE
FUN
IN FUNDRAISING**

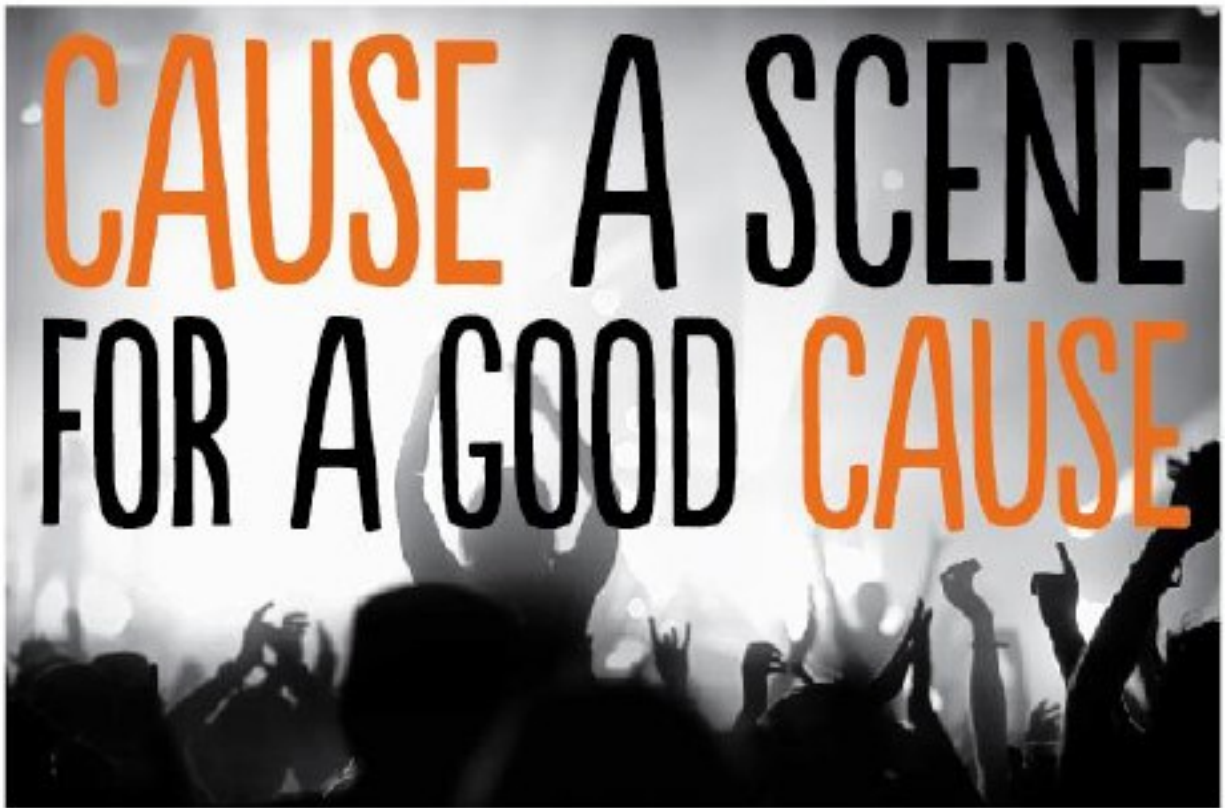


Saturday, October 15th from 5-7pm

to benefit the Albany District Youth traveling on the MOP 2017 to Nicaragua
Home Cooked Adult dinners \$10



McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue, Guilderland
518-456-1148



Organization: Albany District Youth – Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Date: Saturday, September 17th

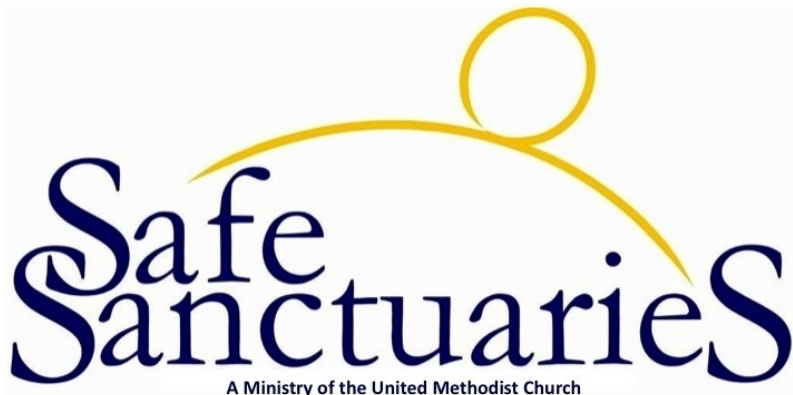
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Blaze Pizza – Stuyvesant Plaza
1475 Western Avenue
Stuyvesant Plaza (2 doors from Starbucks)

Bring In this flyer or show it on your phone before paying. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds back to our organization.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only. Not valid for online orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.





Safe Sanctuaries

A Ministry of the United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 24th

3pm – 6pm

McKownville UMC, Celebration Center

For anyone in Ministry with Children, Youth or Vulnerable Adults

Training is Free!

Refreshments will be available



If you are now or in the future plan to volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults in ministry, this is an important step! All Sunday School teachers, Christian Ed directors, youth group leaders, VBS volunteers, Camp staff and volunteers, Music Directors with children’s music groups, and Senior Ministry volunteers should sit in on this training to catch up on new Minimum Standards passed at our denominational conference earlier this year!

Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth, and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

In all you do, remember that as part of his public ministry, Jesus committed the then-radical act of welcoming children. Our commitment to reducing the risk of abuse in the church for children and youth is one way that we live out Jesus’ act of love.

Please RSVP by Sept 10th – by calling 221-8643 or contacting the church office by email or phone at 456-1148. Mention Safe Sanctuaries training and the number of adults.

Yes! Sign me up for the Safe Sanctuaries Training on September 24th!

Name (s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Number Attending: _____

Leave this reservation in the box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.

The Pumpkins Are Coming!

Mark your Calendars!!!

Thursday, September 22nd at 4:30pm

marks the start of the Pumpkin Patch 2016 with Unloading Day.

Meet the delivery truck, work side by side with fellow church members, scout for the best pumpkins as they come off the truck, and support the MUMC Mission Scholarship Fund!

Refreshments will be provided for all volunteers.

Come when you can, stay as long as you are able.

The volunteer calendar for patch sitting shifts will be available in the west hallway outside the church office after Labor Day. It will also be available online at www.mckownvillechurch.com - Check the schedule to see when we have openings. Sign up early to get your favorite shifts.

The Pumpkin Patch is a fundraiser to support the Mission Scholarship Fund. We have raised in excess of \$100,000 in Scholarship Money since October 1999. Scholarships are available to youth or adults who wish to volunteer their time as a mission volunteer, because of your support of the Pumpkin Patch. Scholarships usually cover 70% of the cost of the trip, so that the desire to serve is never impeded for financial reasons. Thank you to all who have generously volunteered their spare time in October and loyal purchased their fall pumpkins from our patch!

Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers does good at 5 different levels – Did you know that by supporting our pumpkin patch we:

- ✧ Give the Navajo Nation in Farmington, NM consistent agricultural employment and skills that have translated to other agricultural endeavors creating a much more sustainable economy than 25 years ago?
- ✧ Give the small independent truckers consistent, reliable work throughout the fall? PPF does not support the conglomerate trucking companies, only the individual truck owners who work independently.
- ✧ Keep at least 33% of the money raised by the sale of pumpkins in our scholarship fund as profit, which has supported mission trips to Ireland, Missouri Tornado Relief, Uganda, Nicaragua and so many more?
- ✧ Are able to use leftover pumpkins to bake 100 pumpkin pies each year which are donated to the Capital City Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving?
- ✧ Are able to support community organizations like St. Anne's, Albany City Schools and the Regional Food Bank with low cost or free pumpkins for the holidays?

Thank you for your ongoing support of this community project! I look forward to seeing you at the Patch!

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry needs:

Non sugary cereals
Juice
Oil
Ketchup
Mustard
Salad dressing
Tooth brushes
Empty egg cartons



Future mission trips

There are a couple of mission trips being planned within the church conference and listed below. While these are planned by other churches, they are still part of the Volunteers In Mission and anyone can go on the mission trips. Both of the below opportunities are in the planning stages. If you are interested in entering God's mission field through a short-term mission journey, contact the person listed in the article for further information. Remember, the profits from the pumpkin patch sales all go toward scholarships for mission work. The scholarships are up to 70% of the cost of the trip. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, contact anyone on the Outreach Team, for further information.

Check out the next few pages to learn about the upcoming mission trips:

⇒ Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua - March 2017

⇒ Zimbabwe July 2017

Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua

~March 2017~

A VIM opportunity in Nicaragua is being planned for late March—early April 2017. The team will work with Accion Medica Christianna (Christian Medical Action/AMC), Our UM missionary, Belinda Forbes, DDS, is our primary contact person. She and her agency, AMC, work with “poorest of the poor” in this beautiful country, which is the second poorest in our hemisphere. The tasks of the team have not yet been determined, but they will include projects that improve the lives of some people in Nicaragua. Possible projects might be construction of a pharmacy or community center, health education, assisting with dental car, or painting a clinic building. Hands-on direct medical care will not be one of the projects. Team members will also have the opportunity to form relationships with the warm, friendly people with whom they work.

The team/s will be jointly sponsored by the Jonesville UMC and First UMC, Schenectady. Details have not yet been determined. There may be options to go for either 10 days or two weeks. Cost will be approximately \$2,000-\$2,500. This amount includes airfare, food, transportation in the country, lodging, translator fees—everything except souvenirs. Scholarship aid is often available.

If you are at all interested in being a part of this opportunity and would like to receive information as details are worked out, contact:

- ⇒ Amy Pelc at me911@hotmail.com or (518)-698-5024.
- ⇒ Cindy Schulte at attacks5@hotmail.com or (518)-347-3012
- ⇒ Jan or Peter Huston at thustonjp24@gmail.com

Replying to this is not a commitment—just an indication of interest in learning more. Please also share any concerns or questions you have when you reply.

We hope you will be able to participate in the wonderful opportunity to be a part of a Volunteers in Mission team to Nicaragua!



Volunteers in Mission team to Zimbabwe

~July 2017~

The UNY 2017 UMVIM team to Zimbabwe is forming now! The dates are not completely set yet, but it will be in July of 2017. We will be visiting Africa University as well as spending time at Mutambara Methodist Mission, doing light construction projects, participating in activities within the preschool and primary school, and working on cooking and sewing projects with pregnant women who stay there for a month awaiting the delivery of their babies. Lower age limit is 16 unless accompanied by a parent or grandparent; there is no upper age limit, but members need to be in good health and mobile. Estimated cost is \$3,500, all inclusive.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

⇒ Sylvia Reimer at syljr5141@gmail.com
(315)-778-5074



Additional Mission Opportunities (Including the two above)

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

Depart	Return	Location	Contact	Cost	Sponsor	Type	Team Status
10/22/2016	11/5/2016	Gilgil, Kenya	Curt Knouse - cknouse@susumc.org	\$3000	Susquehanna Conference	Construction/Medical/Education	7 openings
11/5/16	11/13/16	Leon, Nicaragua	Karin Tunnell - pas-tort@stpaulsodesa.org	\$1500	St. Paul UMC, Odessa, DE		12 openings
12/29/16	1/16/17	Bungoma, Kenya	Sandy Binotto - yash-e4jc@hotmail.com	\$2300	First Romney UMC, West Virginia	Construction, Medical, Workshops	FULL
Late March 2017	April 2017	Nicaragua Accion Medica Cristiana	Amy Pelc me911j@hotmail.com , 518-698-5024 or Cindy Schulte tacks5@hotmail.com , 518-374-3012	\$2000-\$2500	Upper New York Conference	Construction, health, dental office support	Open, Early inquiries encouraged
July 2017		Zimbabwe	Sylvia Reimer - syljr5141@gmail.com	\$3500	Watertown UMC, NY	Relationship Building	10 openings

Missions Happenings

Feminine Hygiene Kit Project

Creating the feminine hygiene kits for girls in other countries continues. A couple members of our church went to North Chatham UMC to get tips on how they make the kits. We now have a better idea what is needed to create these much needed kits. Our goal is to make 10 kits. Any items donated or made that are above and beyond what is needed for our 10 kits will be given to North Chatham UMC to help them complete their 100 kit goal. Nothing will be wasted.

What you can do to help?

1. Donate items or money to purchase the needed items.

Items needed:

20 one gallon freezer ziploc bags (non sliders)

10 Wash Clothes

10 Travel Size soaps

10 pairs of underwear (girl sizes 10-14)

2. Help Sew one of three parts of the kit
drawstring bag (used to hold all the items)

Liner

Shield

3. Help pack the kits

If you would like to donate items to help complete the kits, there is a box in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions or want more information, please talk to Darcianne Leizer or Lucy Gee.



Darcianne Leizer and Lucy Gee at North Chatham UMC helping create kits



North Chatham Sewing Group

150th Anniversary Celebration!

CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

McKownville UMC is 150 years old! Celebrations will begin in September. Here is what is planned:

September 11: Photo displays of church buildings and activities through the years begin. If you have photos you would like to share, there will be space for you to post them.

November 6: Anniversary Worship Service at 9:30 am. One service will include former pastors Terry O'Neill, Steve Butler, and Rich Weihing; music from the praise team, the adult choir and handbell choirs; and a special coffee hour. (This is the 'fall back' time change Sunday, so remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening!)

November 19: Anniversary Dinner at 6 pm and program at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be a buffet prepared by Mallozzi's and will include hors d'oeuvres, salad, rolls, entrees, vegetables, and dessert. Cost will be \$24 for adults, \$12 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and younger.

CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

Dear Church Community!

As you know, we are in the process of getting all the materials together for our 150th Anniversary Memorial Patio. You may have noticed that the deadline to order personalized bricks has been extended a few times already and we want you to know that you can still purchase a last minute, engraved brick to be included in the patio. We are well on our way to having a comfortable amount of funding to build the patio but you still have an opportunity to have your message included. Submissions handed in with payment before the date of **September 11th** will be included in the order. **THIS IS THE FINAL DATE AS THE BRICKS WILL LIKELY BE ORDERED THE VERY NEXT DAY.**

See following pages for order form. Order forms also available in the back of the sanctuary.

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



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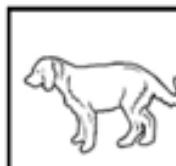
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Music Symbols



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Dog Paws



Peace



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HOW OUR CHURCH BUDGET WORKS!

Leadership Council, in June, approved a budget (summarized below) for our fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This budget is balanced.

Our church's revenue comes from several sources. 73% comes from members who pledge, 11% from members who give but don't pledge, and 2% anonymous cash in the offering plate. (For most churches, "giving" represents 90% of budget.) About 5% comes from renting space to many groups that meet regularly in our building (AA, NA, Yoga); the Board of Elections uses our social area during elections. Fund raising (our Spring and Fall BBQs) brings in another 5%. And, this year, we will carry-over \$11,000 from last fiscal year, about 4%. This carry-over is unusual and unexpected. It arose for three reasons: several unexpected, generous donations of cash and stock near the end of the fiscal year, lower than expected costs for heating and snow removal because of exceptional weather, and not paying our full Ministry Share. There is no "catch-up" for missed Ministry Shares; the unpaid amounts are simply forgiven by the Conference. Leadership Council is committed to full payment this fiscal year and we are on schedule.

Our church's spending pattern is typical of a not-for-profit organization. Let's look at the details.

Staff 48%. About half of our spending is for staff salaries and benefits. We have one pastor, one half-time secretary, one music director, one choir director. We provide benefits required by law (FICA) or the United Methodist Church (pastor pensions, health insurance).

Volunteers 0%. In addition to paid staff, we have many volunteers. The Praise Band, members of the various choirs, teachers, tellers, and each member of our ministry teams contributes time and talent without compensation.

Facilities 28%. All facilities require maintenance and repair. It is nice to be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The Trustees in recent years have aggressively made changes to cut long term costs. The solar panels on our sanctuary roof generate electricity that offsets utility costs. Lighting in and around our buildings is being upgraded to LEDs that have lower electric demand.

Ministry Share 14%. This is our share of support to programs of the greater United Methodist Church. It pays staff and funds programs of our Upper New York Annual Conference and the world-wide General Conference. Through these parts of our church we are connected around the world, helping others in distant lands about which we know little but which the Church deems worthy of support.

Administration 8%. Each year we publish 11 monthly news letters and print 52 weekly bulletins. To do so takes paper and postage. Many shut-in members rely on the monthly news to stay informed about our church. We also have a web site.

Education and Program 2%. This is our program for ourselves. It is our worship, Sunday School, youth group, senior group, Adult Forum. It is educating the next generation of leaders of McKownville Church. It is attracting new members. It is equipping members to minister to our neighbors. This spending strengthens and refreshes each one of us so we may leave the shelter of the sanctuary and move into the real world, being the hands of Christ to real people facing real problems and hurting in real ways.

That's a short version of where our church's money comes from and how it is spent. Questions? Ask a member of the appropriate Ministry Team.

Leadership Council thanks each for your diligent and generous giving.

McKownville United Methodist Church Budget July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Pledged	180412	73%	Salaries	118810	48%
Unpledged	26000	11%	Facilities	70000	28%
Plate loose	6000	2%	Education & Program	5150	2%
Building use	12500	5%	Ministry Shares	35017	14%
Fund Raisers	12000	5%	Administration	19650	8%
Carry-over	11000	4%			
Miscellaneous	715	0%			
TOTAL IN	248627		TOTAL OUT	248627	



Adult Study

**Begins September 17th,
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.

Church Singles Group (AKA CSG) Update!

The church singles group is going strong. So far the group has met monthly for the past three months. First meeting was in a club house to socialize and plan. Then the group went to the movies and went to the Saratoga Fairgrounds garage sale together. If you are a pre-retired single person, join in the fun. If there is an activity that you always wanted to do but did not want to do it alone, join the singles group and we can all go together. There is interest in Bible studies and quest speakers on certain topics that are going to be planned in the future. Below is the list of future planned events. The group is still evolving and growing. There is room for more people and ideas for activities. The goal of the group to provide support, fellowship and social networking. Please consider attending the future gatherings.

Upcoming singles activities:

Sunday, September 25th , Indian Ladder for lunch and apple picking

Sunday, October 16th, participating in the Buddy Walk in Schenectady

Any questions, talk to Ruth Candelario rnect_pr07@yahoo.com or Liz Wiseman bolsterwise@gmail.com

Rehearsals

Choir practice resumes normal schedule on Wednesday September, 7th. All others resume Sunday the 18th.

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.



**NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY®**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

You're Invited!

9:30 Praise and 11:00 Traditional

**McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue, Albany, 12203**

Brooks Chicken BBQ

SATURDAY, OCT 1ST

11AM-7PM

Full dinner includes: Brooks BBQ famous barbeque chicken, baked potato, fresh coleslaw, and dessert. MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Adult Chicken Dinner

\$11.00

(take out or eat in)

Child's Dinner

\$8.00

(eat in only)

Chicken Only

\$8.50

(take out only)

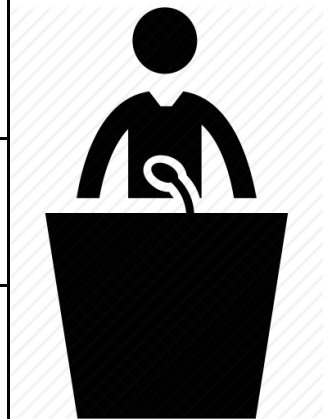


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SEPTEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
September 4	Sue Pett Angela Stott	Tricia Stott
September 11	Darcianne Leizer Tricia Stott	Noreen Van Doren
September 18	Alan Longshore Norman Swanson	Christy Beauregard
September 25	Barbara and Paul Cullen	Henry Walter
October 2	Ildra and Carl Morse	Nan Pullen



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.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

Birthdays

13 – Ed & Debby Cole
14 – Rick & Jill Eistertz
19 – Eugene & Lucy Gee
27 – Patti & Paul Krekeler

5 – Lauren Martin
5 – Brandon Schambach
8 – Lynette Cole
9 – Norman Swanson
11 -- Graham Clarke
10 – Alan Barre
12 – Jeanette Wager
12 – Chase Peplowski
13 – Sarah Moon
13 – Brenden Moon
13 – Chris Steffens
14 – Curtis Grupe
15 – Don Andersen

15 – Matthew Mead
15 – Taylor Mead
16 – Elizabeth Mensah
16 – Samantha Trimboli
18 – Emma Herendeen
19 – Dennis Coon
20 – Alverda Goewey
21 -- Dexter Wells
22 – Anna Garrison
25 – Steve Clarke
25 – Justin Wager
27 – Mary Neitzel



SEPTEMBER 2016

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Sundays (Starting the 18th)				1	2	3
<p>9:30am—Praise 9:45am—Sunday School 11:00am—Worship 2:45 pm—Praise Team Rehearsal</p> <p>4:00pm—Quintessence 4:30pm—Wesley Ringers 5:45pm—New Song 6:30pm—Higher Up</p>				TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	A.A. 7:00 am
4 Traditional Service 9:30 am	5	6 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	7 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	8 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am	9 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	10 A.A. 7:00 am
11 Back to Church Sunday! Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service 11:00 am	12	13 A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm	14 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	15 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am American Sewing Guild 12:30 pm	16 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	17 A.A. 7:00 am
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Back to School Checklist:

A Three-Week Guide

3 weeks before school starts:

- Inventory your child's clothing and sell or give away any items that are too small. Make a list of what he needs before you start shopping for new clothes.
- If you're not already, familiarize yourself with the school's Web site. Many teachers post a school-supply list, welcome note or other information.
- Make a list of the school supplies you'll need to purchase new or replenish, as well as any other necessary items, like backpacks or lunchboxes.
- Gather ads and circulars for back-to-school sales. Form a game plan for which stores you'll hit.
- Review your emergency plan and revise if necessary. Call your emergency contacts to confirm that they can still help if a situation arises (say, can they pick your kids up from school or the bus stop if you can't).

2 weeks before school starts:

- Have a child who's new to middle school? Have her practice with a combination lock. Also, if possible, go to the school and practice changing classes.
- Encourage your child to write down his locker combination, class schedule, room numbers and teachers' names in a planner or agenda. (And double check it.)
- Shop for school supplies and clothes. Use our easy school-shopping guide.
- Confirm after-school child-care arrangements.
- Plan morning, afternoon and evening routines, and involve your kids, whenever possible, in this process. Begin enforcing bedtimes and practice waking up at the same time each day.

1 week before school starts:

- Shop for groceries for next week's school lunches.
- Wash all your child's new school clothes; make sure staples are laundered, too.
- If you haven't already, visit the school with your child for a re-familiarizing walk.
- Show your child his bus stop and go over the plan for getting to and from.
- Ask if your child has any questions or concerns she might want to discuss. Let her know you're available anytime she wants to chat.

The night before the first day of school:

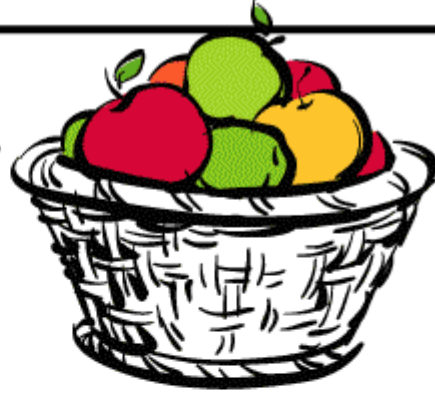
- Lay out clothes, shoes and backpacks for the next day.
- Plan what to make for breakfast.
- Have your camera (or phone) ready to snap some first-day pictures in the morning.
- Put your evening routine into action.
- Get plenty of sleep!


*From: <http://www.allyou.com>



Mad Lib!

Apples!



Red, _____ apples! Today we are going to
(adjective)
_____ apples. I am going to _____ the most.
(verb) (verb)
My _____ and I are having an _____ picking
(person) (fruit)
contest this year. Every _____ we go to _____
(season) (person's)
farm to pick a _____ of apples. This year _____
(noun) (person)
wants to make _____, so we need a lot.
(noun)
When we arrive _____, _____ counts out our
(place) (person)
apples. We anxiously await the final count.
My _____ and I _____! Well actually I had one
(person) (verb/ed)
more than him, but it had a _____ slimy worm
(color)
 in it. That night we had _____
(adjective)
applesauce!



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