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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

Coming Up Quick!

Back to Church Sunday is September 10th!

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



From the Pastor...

Recently our country has been engaged in a heated conversation on race relations. Our country has been racially and culturally more diverse and embracing than most others, but we have witnessed a rise in conflicts over race relations across the nation. Some groups have threatened and expressed their hate for other ethnic groups. It is an alarming sign of moral failing and degradation but this hatred has even spread to Christian groups as well.

I have refrained from speaking about social-political matters in public, because they can quickly become controversial and divisive. But recent alarming and dangerous signs indicate to me that we are at a critical juncture.

America has been a symbol of high moral values and principles for the people of other countries who had to contend with human rights issues. We are called to live as followers of Jesus Christ. A cardinal duty of being Christians is to follow His will and words in life. We are expected to live up to a high moral value. When we confess ourselves as Jesus' followers, it means that we will live the way He taught us to live. He is our model for Christian life, although His standard is high and we often fail in comparison, our failure doesn't mean that we should stop trying to live up to the Christian value that Jesus practiced and set.

As Christians we must not tolerate any hatred toward other races or people. We must not condone any form of hate, violence, and discrimination based on color and racial or cultural backgrounds. When we lose sight of or ignore basic human values, we stop being disciples of Jesus Christ. Our moral, spiritual value should not be compromised for any reason. Paul the Apostle's words to the Christians in Rome two thousand years ago, rings as true now as it did then, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect (Romans 2:2).

What we are witnessing now in our society urges us to think of our own identity as Christians and followers of Jesus Christ. Being a Christian means rejecting, unequivocally, any form of hate-filled words and actions.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, set an example for us now how we stand for social justice. He ardently fought social injustice and racial discrimination through his actions as well as his words. Before he died at the age of eighty eight, six days before his death, he wrote a letter to William Wilberforce, a parliament member, who had been fighting for the abolition of slavery in England for many years - unsuccessfully. Wesley had spoken out against slavery, and referred to the slave trade as the "execrable sum of all villainies" and encouraged him to continue the fight for the emancipation of the slaves in England.

Christians are not merely following the pattern of the world, but set the tone for our small world by being a peace-maker not a hate-monger, a harmonizer not divider but harmonizer. When there are differences in various areas, there will be splits and conflicts too. And we Christians will transform by following Jesus' footsteps as Paul the apostle and John Wesley did. We can overcome barriers and obstacles and bring reconciliations and harmony as Jesus did on the cross.

May God bless you.

Charlie Yang



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY[®]

This year McKownville Church celebrates Back to Church Sunday on September 10th!

This means our double service Sunday resume with the Contemporary Praise Service at 9:30 a.m. and the Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. every week!



**Also resuming:
Weekly music rehearsals
&
Adult Forum**



Down to Earth

We all know people who we consider to be “down to earth”. “He’s a good guy, really down to earth”, or “She’s a pleasure to be around, she always seems so down to earth”.

What do we really mean by that? What is someone like who is down to earth? From a perspective of definition, it can be described as “practical” or “modest”; someone who doesn’t put themselves above others, and can relate to those around them regardless of social status, wealth, or education. We see being down to earth as a positive trait. It goes well beyond someone’s personality and taps into their character.

As we think about those in our lives who fit this definition, does anyone special come to mind? Perhaps a parent? A close friend? A coach or teacher? Maybe our Lord Jesus???

Let’s take a look at how Jesus fits this model. Did Jesus clearly have the power to take over the world and have every possession we could ever dream of? Could He have easily made us all His servants? Could He have walked away from the painful death He endured for us and take the easy way out? YES! He could have done all of that and more.

However, we know that God the Father sent Jesus to us to do just the opposite. Jesus is our perfect role model for helping others as opposed to being helped, and to use all His heavenly power not for His personal gain, but to heal others, to serve and not be served, and set aside His mighty power to selflessly give Himself up for us. If there was anyone who ever truly lived the definition of being down to earth, it was Jesus.

Jesus now sits in Heaven above and watches over us daily. He’s there to fill our hearts with His Words from above, so we can strengthen our Faith in Him by serving others in His name.

He is our Lord and Savior, reigning in Heaven and awaiting for all of us to join Him in eternal life. Thankfully, our lives were changed for the good and forever, when Jesus came **down to earth**.



Dom Perfetti

Restoring the Power

Do you remember the last time you lost power? Our home experienced an outage just over a month ago. Not a fun time, right? So many of the most basic things we take for granted are suddenly gone. I'll take a guess that out of habit you still turned on a few light switches? Maybe opened the refrigerator and then remembered why the light was out? Sometimes we can have a few laughs at our actions, but then, depending on how long the power outage is, the laughter turns into frustration and impatience as we wait for the power to be restored.

What actually happens when a power outage takes place? It can be triggered by a storm, an accident, maybe some faulty cables or supports; and let's face it, we aren't usually overconcerned about what caused it, we just want it back on!

Power outages are just one of the many curve balls that life throws our way from time to time. Some of us are prepared with portable generators, and some of us just wait it out. Once we have our power back, we're in business and ready to get ourselves back on track!

We know that temporary electrical outages temporarily set us back, but what happens when WE lose power?? What about the times when we just feel that life has drained us completely of our energy? How do we respond when we have a personal "power outage"? We all know they occur, and we all have those days when we're simply drained, our gauge is on empty and we have nothing left to give.

Sometimes I believe the causes of our own power outages aren't that much different than when our homes lose power! Maybe one of life's storms disconnected us for a while? Maybe a bad "run in" with someone left us feeling empty and drained? There may be a number of causes, and we've all been there.

Unlike the power lines that we patiently (or impatiently) wait to restore the flow of energy to our homes, we have access to an unending supply of power, available anytime, anywhere and...it comes with a wireless connection! That's right, when we're drained and our energy is completely sapped, we can turn to a source of energy in our Lord Jesus to restore our hearts, minds and souls back to full power. Jesus gave us the connection through the Holy Spirit to call on Him whenever needed, especially when we're running on empty.

As we travel down the path of life and our internal gauges start to point toward empty, and our batteries are running low, remember the boost we need is just a prayer away. Stop and pause, call on Jesus, and in a few quiet moments with Him, we'll soon feel the surge of power from our Lord and know that it's Him once again, coming into our lives to reenergize us and restore our power!!



Dom Perfetti

REPORT MISSION TRIP TO ZIMBABWE

Darcianne Leizer & Henry Walter

Darcianne Leizer and Henry Walter were members of a nine-person team from Upper New York Conference July 15-30 that brought greetings and services to several United Methodist educational institutions in Zimbabwe, Africa. The United Methodist Church and its forerunners have a long history in Africa. First efforts were mission schools and hospitals. There are now 14 mission sites in Zimbabwe that include one or both a school and a hospital. Most recently Methodists were key to establishing the Africa University, a university now ranked 118 out of some 3000 universities and colleges in Africa.

Our flight from JFK airport via Dubai to Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, took 24 hours. To recover from flight fatigue, we crashed at Chivendera Villa.

Tuesday we toured Africa University, met staff and saw library, computer, and agricultural places. By coincidence, a group from Baltimore-Washington conference was visiting Africa University also! At nearby Fairfield Children's Home, an orphanage ages 1 to 18 years, we viewed their meager group homes and met their dedicated house mothers. Then we played field games with the children: Frisbees, soccer, and jump rope.

Wednesday morning we had a short tour of Mutare, stopping at a store with groceries and appliances (have you ever seen a four unit stove with two gas and two electrical?). In the afternoon we visited Ishe Anesu, a Project located within Hilltop United Methodist Church premises in Sakubva, a very poor neighborhood of Mutare. Ishe Anesu is an after-school project with a primary objective to provide education to the underprivileged children orphans and the poorest of the poor. In order to achieve this objective, the project pays school fees and buys school uniforms, books and stationery for the children. Wearing the school uniform is required. The project offers Christian education and values, social and family ethics and recreation. The project provides 2 meals a day. Minor injuries and illnesses that respond to first-aid treatment are taken care of at the Project. The Project pays for doctor appointments and treatment of the children. Students do not live at Ishe Anes; plans for having dormitories are being negotiated with social services/child welfare.

Thursday we drove to Mutambara, a Methodist mission south of Mutare near the Mozambique border. Two key facilities: Mutambara Mission Hospital and Mutambara Public School with grades pre-K through 12. Our main mission task was to paint the interior of



Elizabeth, Lori, Darcianne, Kristen, Sylvia, Dewey, Joni, Paul, Henry, Marvin at entrance to Africa University

two rooms used by elementary students with hearing or seeing impairment. Upon arrival, we learned we were going to paint the exterior also! Thursday afternoon we scraped walls. Friday, Saturday, and Monday we painted. Most surfaces required three coats of paint, some four. Students, especially the middle school level, liked to watch and engage in short conversations to try out their English language skills. All seemed intrigued by our straight hair.

Sunday church we joined some 300 others in audience-participation worship. John Wesley would have been proud – the singing was lusty! The two hour service did not drag. We were caught up in the enthusiasm.

Our team leaders were Drs. Sylvia and Marvin Reimer, medical missionaries 1999-2001 at Mutambara. They return to Mutambara, leading teams to extend work by prior teams. Dewey and Joni, retired, were on a previous trip; Paul is a second year student at Drew Seminary; Lori and Kristen are special education teachers; Darcianne keeps Albany Med running; Henry is a retired chemist. Elizabeth Cobb traveled with us but spent her time at Fairfield Children's Home with hearing impaired children.

You can be an active supporter of any project. Write a check to "McK UMC" and on the memo line write the Advance number shown below for the project you wish to support.

- * Ishe Anesu Project: Advance #13071A
- * Mutambara Mission Hospital: Advance #3022286
- * Africa University Scholarships: designate the UNY campaign to raise \$1 million for scholarships to AU.

Come hear more in our presentation on October 3!

View from 1915: Some Things Change, Some Don't
Pastor's Report

[Wilbur Charles Newell was appointed pastor to Guilderland/McKownville spring 1915 - spring 1919.]

To the 1st Quarterly Conference of McKownville Methodist Episcopal Ch. [Church] held at McKownville Thursday 2:30 PM May 6-1915.

At this end of the charge [other end was Guilderland village] we have passed three good + profitable Sundays, been cordially rec'd by the people and made 12 or 15 calls. Unfortunately hard thunder showers + a call to attend a funeral under sad circumstances in our former parish has kept us from meeting with Delta Chi Ro + the Ep. Lge. [Epworth League] societies of young people - two promising fields to cultivate but we hope to make good all absences + delays by more + better work in the future. Our young people here are surely worth holding + cultivating + once well anchored to the Lord + the Ch. [Church] will in themselves make a strong church in the near to-morrow. Our Sunday School is well managed, well attended + offers a promising field to cultivate. Our S. S. has voted to make a special day of Children's Day in June + has a com. [committee] of all the S.S. teachers to make the program + carry it out. Next Sunday we have announced as Mother's Day with special invitations to mothers to bring their children for baptism. Our special motive is to reach the home + the children.

At McKownville we have a large + sufficient choir for which Mrs. G. A. [Ida] Manville + Mrs. H. S. [Viola] Rapp are largely responsible. Both of these loyal ladies having wrought successfully realizing the extra work + attention necessary to maintain the choir to its former high standard - had unalterably resolved to resign but in a special meeting called by the pastor + after earnest persuasion by the pastor in behalf of the choir + the congregation - these able + loyal lady musicians have consented to continue the work + it goes without saying that the pastor, the choir + the congregation are all well pleased + encouraged. It will be a great help in the Sunday services - a help without which the pastor would be vitally crippled + handicapped.

The slow but sure extention [sic] of building + resident population on Western Ave. toward our church encourages us to hope for a bright + prosperous future for our McKownville Church. We only need effective organization, careful + constant pastoral attention + the eye + hand to see + utilize present opportunities to shape the church for real + permanent growth. All this we steadfastly believe + all this we solemnly promise to do - God being our Helper.

Resp. Subt. [Respectfully Submitted] - **W. C. Newell - Pr. in Charge.** [Preacher in Charge]

[McKownville church youth were earlier in the news, such as Fri., February 12, 1915 - **McKownville - Epworth League** Wednesday evening. Leader, Miss Lulu M. Helme.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League was held Tuesday evening under the supervision of the new officers.

Regular meeting of **Delta Chi Rho** Monday evening at the church. This was also a social meeting. The young people have set the date for their entertainment for Friday, Feb. 26th. It is a play entitled, "The Village Post Office," and will include solos, duets, and drills. The small sum of fifteen cents for admission, and ice cream will be on sale. Everybody keep this date in mind, as it will be an evening well spent.]

M-M-M GOOD!

McKownville Music Ministry wants you! - if you like to sing or ring handbells or want to learn to ring handbells! Rehearsals will begin soon and you will receive a warm welcome in our music groups.

Adult Choir (for singers 8th grade through senior adult) rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary. The choir sings every Sunday at the 11 am traditional service from September through early June and at the Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday services. *When Morning Dawns* are you *One Step Away from Home?* from *My Lighthouse?* from *A Day of Celebration?* Come learn and sing these five anthems and others. *How Can It Be?* - easy! Just come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings beginning September 6.

Youth in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to Higher Up, a vocal and/or instrumental group rehearsing Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7 pm. If you have questions about the choirs, please contact either Christy Beauregard (patchris30@verizon.net) or Nancy Clarke (clarkesn1@verizon.net)

If you are more interested in ringing handbells, there are two groups ready to welcome you. Experienced ringers can join Wesley Ringers (rehearsing Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:45 pm) while beginning or less experienced ringers in 3rd grade or older can join A New Song (rehearsing Sunday afternoons from 5:45 to 6:30 pm). If you have questions about handbells, contact Pat Beauregard (patchris30@verizon.net).

Pat and Christy and Nancy are looking forward to making music with you this year!



The Pumpkins are Coming!!!

Our 2017 pumpkin patch will kick off this year with unloading day on Thursday, September 28th at 4:30pm. In the 17 years our pumpkin patch has been in operation we have raised over \$100,000 in profit and sent missionaries from our congregation to Ireland, Haiti, Uganda, South Africa, Zimbabwe and supported missions within the USA for recovery work in areas hit by natural disasters like the Midwest Tornadoes and Hurricane Sandy. In January, 2017 we had two members from our church family participating in the Mission of Peace whom our Pumpkin Scholarship assisted as they traveled to the Nicaragua!

Support our Missionaries by signing up for the Pumpkin Patch this year! There are jobs for everyone.

Pre Arrival:

- pallets need to be moved from the back parking lot near the dumpsters up to the front lawn a few days prior to the arrival. If you have a pick-up truck or a trailer and can move some of them up front to the driveway, please feel free to pitch in. No sign up or meetings required!
- food coordinator. Can someone volunteer to set up dinner, arrange pick up of food or delivery of food and beverages for the volunteers? If you are unable to move pumpkins but would be able to make dinner arrangements, this help would be greatly appreciated! I will get the funds needed to you – just let me know how much you need.
- Patch appeal designer! The decorations in the patch need some help! I would appreciate someone with an eye for curb appeal to help update our patch appeal. I have contacts for free hay bales if desired.

Unloading Day crew: – young and young-at-heart alike can help with unloading and arranging pumpkins of all sizes. I also need a couple of people to help erect the sales tent and bring out tables. Dinner and beverages will be provided

Pumpkin Patch Sitters: - if you are able to sit for 2-3 hour shifts during the month of October either one time or on a regular shift, a sign up calendar will be available in the sanctuary foyer and online through Google Calendars

Clean up Day: November 1st the last of the pumpkins will need to be moved forward to the edge of the lawn, the tent will need to be taken down. The tables cleaned and returned inside. The decorations stored away until next year. And the pallets brought back to the back parking lot area near the shed.



YOUTH NEWS



Sunday School for grades PreK – 12th Grade

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

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

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

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

You can find contact information and more information about our youth ministries on our website at www.mckownvillechurch.org

Schedule

September 10th, 7:00 p.m.—September Social

September 24th, 7:00 p.m.—Pump it Up!

September 28th, 4:30 p.m.—PUMPKINS ARRIVE!

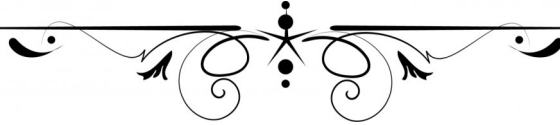
October 1st, 1:30 p.m.—Apple picking

Date TBD—Whispering Willow Wild Care

Other events will include: Pumpkin Festival, Halloween Locking, District Youth Gathering and Operation Christmas Child



Mission Opportunities



Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

- ♥ canned fruit
- ♥ peanut butter
- ♥ Dinty Moore beef stew
- ♥ coffee
- ♥ Dinty Moore chicken & dumplings
- ♥ spaghetti sauce
- ♥ canned meats
- ♥ spaghetti
- ♥ crackers
- ♥ canned tomatoes
- ♥ rice
- ♥ quinoa
- ♥ boxed instant potatoes
- ♥ pasta (all types)
- ♥ detergents (laundry and dish)
- ♥ diapers (size 4 and 5)
- ♥ feminine products
- ♥ tooth paste



Guilderland Food Pantry
Contact:

518-930-1001

McKownville United Methodist Church is a proud supporter of our local **Guilderland Food Pantry**. The hours are 9:30 to 11:00am Monday - Friday and they are located in the basement of Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church. While always searching for volunteers your simple donation of food, goods or money goes a long way to helping local families in need. Please place donations in the boxes in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

We need your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Have a pile of **shoe boxes** laying around from all of your new shoes and sneakers? (NOT BOOTS) **Bring them to Church!!!** We are now collecting shoe and sneaker boxes for our annual Operation Christmas Child shoe box drive and need your boxes by October 8 so we can get them wrapped.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Wrapped Christmas boxes will be available as of October 22 for you to take home and fill 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. We will advise you of the date the filled boxes must be returned in next month's newsletter. **Our goal is to provide 100 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 Group



Adult Forum (Bible Study)

Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 and
Monday evening 7:00-8:00.

**** The topic for Sunday/Monday Adult Forum will be announced on Back to Church Sunday! So make sure you come to one of our church services on Sunday, September 10th! ****

***During the summer, Adult Forum asked folks to tell us their favorite hymns so we could use that list as the basis for a discussion at Adult Forum. So far, we have gotten NO response. Given that Methodists like to sing, this is amazing! So, one last chance to submit a short list of favorite hymns by September 24. Write down the title or number in the hymn books (while you are looking through the red book, don't forget the black and green books) on a slip of paper and drop it in the offering plate along with your offering. If we don't get a list of YOUR favorites, we will choose OUR favorites! This course is scheduled for October/November just before Advent.



Save the Date!

It's almost time for our fall Brooks BBQ again! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th to come and enjoy either volunteering or just eating a delicious meal with church friends! The pumpkin patch will also be open during this event! Look for upcoming flyers, posters and announcements for more information!



Church Guidebook

Please continue to submit descriptions of small groups, ministries, teams, etc. for a new and updated church guidebook.

Our trustees are looking for someone to fill a vacant building maintenance position—See a trustee for more information!

Grab A Hard Copy!

Each Sunday morning, Pastor Charlie's sermon will be available in print and can be picked up from the greeters before the service begins. If you would like to have the sermons mailed to you each week you may call the office (456-1148) and make a request.

Watch it live!

You can now view Pastor Charlie's sermons live as they happen or later on when you have time from our Facebook page! /McKownvilleChurch

New Thursday Evening Bible Study!



Overview

God had a plan for us from the beginning! Come and join this interactive 7 session Bible Study exploring God's awesome providence and truths as presented in the Old Testament Scripture – and learn about God's plans for you.

Date: Thursdays

Sept 7th – Oct 26th

Time: 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Place: McKownville UMC Church Multi Purpose Room

Led By: Jacqueline Kim



Lesson Summary

Week 1: Introductions and the Bible

Week 2: Man and the Fall

Week 3: Sin

Week 4: Salvation

Week 5: Worship: Cain, Abel and Abraham

Week 6: Baptism: Moses and Israel

Week 7: Faith: Joshua

Week 8: Relationship: David

Please contact Jacqueline Kim at 518-772-7784 or jcalne@gmail.com or Pastor Charlie Yang if you plan to attend.

SEPTEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
September 3	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	N/A Praise
September 10	Kristen and Monte Waters	Christy Beauregard
September 17	Barbara and Paul Cullen	Thomas Myers
September 24	Ildra and Carl Morse	Elizabeth Mensah
October 1	Alan oLngshore Terry O'Neill	Todd Nemic



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.*

**We are still looking for someone to take over the position of Greeters/Ushers coordinator. Please contact Pauline Martin for details about the job. blundyp379@aol.com

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

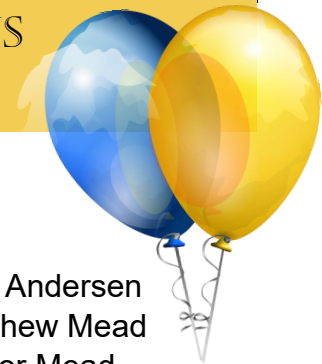
Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

5 – Lauren Martin
5 – Brandon Schambach
8 – Lynette Cole
9 – Norman Swanson
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11 -- Graham Clarke
10 – Alan Barre
12 – Jeanette Wager
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
22 – Anna Garrison
25 – Justin Wager
25 – Justin Wager
27 – Mary Neitzel



SEPTEMBER

Church Meetings

- *Finance Team: second Tuesday, 7:00pm.
- *Leadership Council: third Tuesday, 7:00pm.
- *Worship Team: fourth Tuesday, 7:00pm.

Special Meetings will be on the calendar and are usually announced in weekly bulletins.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays</p> <p>⇒ 9:30 am—Praise Service</p> <p>⇒ 9:30 am—Adult Forum</p> <p>⇒ 9:45am—Sunday School</p> <p>⇒ 10:00 am—Fellowship Time</p> <p>⇒ 11:00 am—Traditional Service</p> <p>⇒ 2:45 pm—Praise Team Rehearsal</p>			<p>⇒ 4:00 pm—Quintessence Rehearsal</p> <p>⇒ 4:30 pm—Wesley Ringers Rehearsal</p> <p>⇒ 5:45 pm—New Song Rehearsal</p> <p>⇒ 6:30 pm—Higher Up Rehearsal</p>		1	2
<p>**SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR CHANGES!</p>					Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	A.A. 7:00 am
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HELP US GROW TOGETHER! WITH CONVENIENT ONLINE DONATIONS!

McKownville United Methodist Church offers you the opportunity to make your donations online through Vanco with a link on our website.

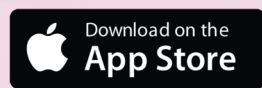
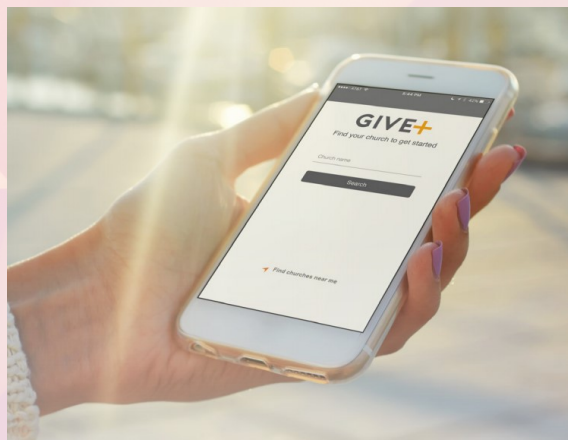
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10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JOHN WESLEY

1. John Wesley wrote one of the all-time bestselling medical texts.

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled *Primitive Physick*.

2. John Wesley coined the term “agree to disagree.”

Over the years, Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. Though they both argued passionately, Wesley reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: “There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may ‘agree to disagree.’ But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ...” This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley’s way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

3. John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, “Nay.”

4. Wesley had serious doubts about his faith.

Questioning one’s faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one’s own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith, he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to “preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith.” Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.

5. “Methodist” was originally a derogatory term.

Though the origins of the term “methodist” are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement. Way to own it, Methodists!

6. Wesley counseled people to “eat a little less than you desire.”

Staying slim was far from Wesley’s goal (1), though he did weigh in around 128 pounds. This was not the result of dieting, but rather of a practice to ensure that people were not ruled by their natural desires, but exercising control over them.

7. Wesley never intended to split from the Church of England.

However, when the revolution happened in the American colonies, most of the Anglican priests returned home. Faced with the fact that none of the Methodists in the colonies could receive the sacraments, Wesley ordained ministers whom he sent to do the same in America (he was practical even when it caused problems). That act was the beginning of the separation that formed the Methodist Church (2) in America. The Methodist Church in England did not officially form until after Wesley’s death.

8. Wesley never said this famous quote attributed to him.

It has been on the back of more than one United Methodist youth camp T-shirt: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can.” Though the quote is often attributed to John Wesley and is consistent with his perspective on life, many historians have confirmed there is no record of Wesley ever saying that.

9. Wesley believed you could not be a Christian on your own.

He said that we needed to be involved in “social holiness.” Though some often think this term is synonymous with “social justice,” its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community. In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that “the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness.”

10. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley’s lifetime.

The beginning of Methodism (3) was a group of four who called themselves the “holy club” at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.



A Prayer for September

Heavenly Father,

Thank You Lord for keeping me through the month of August. Lord I am grateful to see the new month of September.

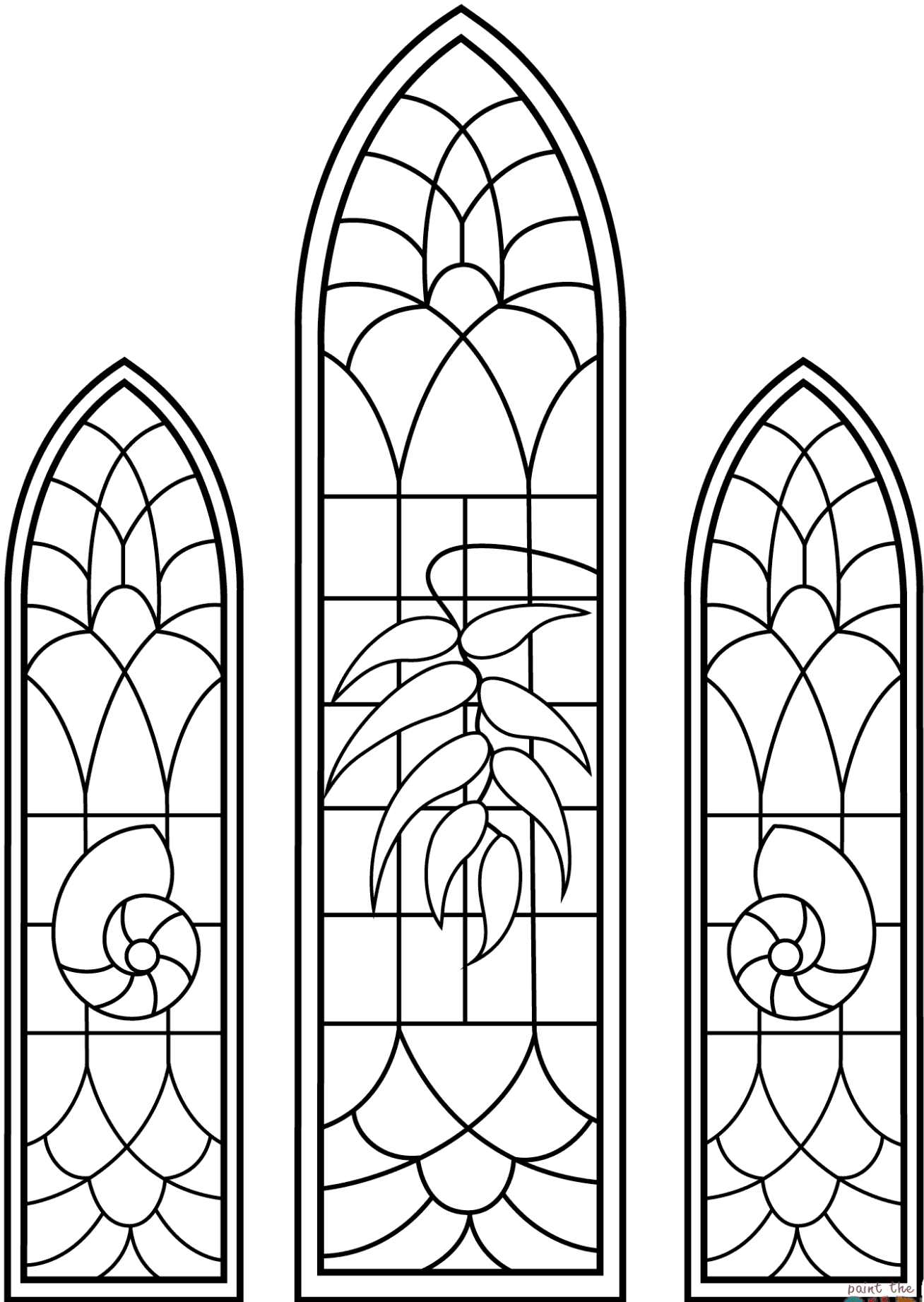
I declare the month of September as my month of miracle and breakthrough. I receive every blessing tied to September for my life. I declare September as my seasons of joy and celebrations I shall dance with joy and celebrate all of your blessings for my life.

Father God, I will operate under an open heaven and your blessings shall overtake me and my family. Amen. Grant me wisdom and uncommon ideas for breakthrough on every decision I have to make.

Lord, I pray for your peace to reign in our world today, and to grant the world leaders, wisdom to walk side by side in peace in Jesus name' amen.

Lord, make this month a September to remember. AMEN





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