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Love God, Follow Jesus and Pass It On!

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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WELCOME!

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

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From the Pastor...

Life is a journey. It is often dotted with questions. And our ongoing task in faith's journey is to ask and seek answers to those questions. One of those questions is: where am I now?

Life will be fulfilled through this on-going quest for the answer to the question, "Where am I now?" One might be on the top of Mount Carmel, winning and running like Elijah, or one might be walking in the middle of the desert with many questions for life and faith, or one might be standing at the entrance of the cave of Mount Horeb, waiting for a new direction for life.

We are disciples, life-long students of Jesus in life. Learning, knowing, making progress in faith is a blessing and the source of joy. Make a journey Mount Horeb again if it is needed. We need to go back to the site to remember our calling, reconnect with God, the moment of orientation, or of new orientation.

We walk with God in different stages of life: Mount Carmel, the desert, and Mount Horeb. It is trust to put our hand in God's at all times, no matter what we see, to go with God onto the top of Mount Carmel, into the desert, and walk to Mount Horeb.

In our time there will be moment of orientation, disorientation, and new orientation always. And no matter what stage of life we walk now, God is there with us and walk with us.

The story of Elijah (1 Kings 18-19) tells us that no matter what we see and no matter how we perceive in life, God is God and in control as even when Elijah was in the middle of desert, God was his God, tangible or intangible. God was his partner in walk, confrontation, conversation, and orientation. As God walked with Elijah in his life's journey, God walks with us and works for us. God won't give up on us. God won't renounce his right for us. God won't forsake us. This is the message of Elijah's story for us today and tomorrow and beyond. And we need to adhere to this message no matter what stage of life we walk on.

The future will be decided not by what we speak about it, but by what actions and attitudes we take for it. As Paul indicated in his letter to the Philippians (3:6-7), our lives should be forward-leaning, not being occupied and obstructed by the past's failure or mistakes.

Walk by faith. Stay faithful to your calling of God. Be fruitful and faithful. Keep on striving to finish the work you are in. And walk tall no matter what stage of life you are in. May God bless you!

By Charlie



“Subject to Change”

“Subject to change.” Many of the advertisements we see and hear end on that note. It protects the provider from guaranteeing that everything will go as smooth as it was stated just moments before. The provider may have the best intentions, but things happen that are simply outside of anyone’s control, and, well, as we’ve all experienced at some time or another, our well thought plans become “subject to change.”

We know that in life there aren’t many things that are certain. We do the best we can to look ahead and plan our days, and weeks, sometimes even the years. Perhaps some of us are looking ahead and picking out that perfect place to raise our kids, or maybe find that spot that will become our retirement dream location. But again, through it all, there’s always a good possibility that things might not go exactly as we had imagined. We need to prepare ourselves and know that whatever it is we planned, it’s all subject to change!

Change is constant in our lives. We study hard, work hard and map out detailed plans, but in a blink, things change. Many times exciting opportunities knock and send us to new adventures; while other times news comes our way that points us in a direction we wish we didn’t have to go. One meeting or one phone call can set our lives in a completely different direction than we thought we were headed just minutes before.

How do we deal with a world that throws so many curve balls at us?? Knowing that change is constant, how do we anchor ourselves and maintain a steady course??

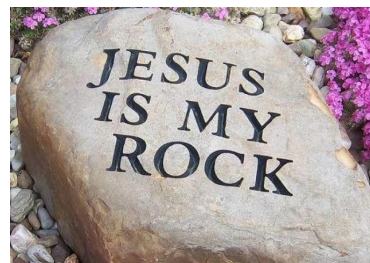
When we feel the winds of change come our way and we need a source of stability, we need only to look to the Cross. Just a few short weeks ago we celebrated the perfect, unwavering certainty of Jesus coming down from the Cross and rising to Heaven. This event changed our lives forever, and left us with the peace of His presence with us every day.

In our busy and ever-changing lives we remind each other to “never say never”, and that “always” just doesn’t “always” happen. But as Christians, we know beyond any doubt that we can confidently use those terms with Jesus. Jesus is with us always, and will never leave us. He is the One constant in our lives, and the only one we will ever need.

Jesus walked in our world of uncertainty, and left us with the certainty of everlasting love and eternal life through Him. He is our Rock, and His Word is never subject to change!

Have a wonderful Spring,

Dom Perfetti



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Brooks BBQ

Save the date! Once again it is time to start looking forward to our MUMC spring Brooks BBQ! It will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018**. This has been a major fundraiser for the last 31 years and this will be the church's 64th BBQ. The success of this event depends on church members volunteering. As always, more hands make the job easier. Please consider volunteering by signing up on the sheets in the back of the sanctuary or by saying "YES!" to committee members requesting your help. Thank you in advance!

Belfast Peace Project 2018

Once again, Darcianne Leizer will be a member of The Volunteer in Missions (VIM) Belfast Peace Project Team that will leave for Belfast, Northern Ireland on May 7. If you would like to follow the teams adventure, they will be posting every day on the team's efforts to sponsor and support peaceful inter-community efforts in Northern Ireland. Check for posts beginning May 8th at www.vimbpp2018.blogspot.com.



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

2018 Mission of Peace—This year's Mission of Peace will be to the Philippines! Interviews happened in April and the team has been formed. Please help us congratulate McKownville's newest missionary, Dakota Stott! Over the next several months she will be sharing more about her plans, fundraising opportunities to support her trip, and how we as a congregation can get involved with her mission. Pumpkin Patch Scholarship money is available to underwrite 70% of expenses for each McKownville mission candidate. For more information on MOP or any mission opportunities see Angela Stott to learn more or to get an initial application.

Confirmation Service Retreat—Will be held on Saturday May 12th starting at 9am at Skye Farm Camps. Candidates, their mentors and parents are all invited to join together for this fun filled day of service! At the conclusion of our work time, following lunch, we will have a session to wrap up our mentor studies and prepare for the confirmation service. If anyone needs directions or a ride to Skye Farm Camp, please contact Angela Stott to coordinate. See you then!

Mark your calendars! Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 9:30am!

Mission Opportunities

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

This month the Guilderland Food Pantry is in great need for the following:

- ♥ Juice
- ♥ Crackers
- ♥ Instant Potatoes
- ♥ Rice

<https://www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com>

Volunteer Opportunity! Troy Food Pantry Delivery Unloading

The Roarke Center needs some helping hands to unload our food delivery truck on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Required ability to lift 50 lbs and walk up and down stairs. Dress comfortably!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at jcarroll@ccalbany.org, call me at 518-512-3577 x115 or leave a comment here.



FUND RAISERS

2018 ALBANY CROP HUNGER WALK

The John U. Miller Memorial
CROP Hunger Walk
 In Albany, NY
 SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 181 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203
 (between Quail and Lake)

12:30 pm Registration begins in the church hall
 12:45—1:15pm Music in the sanctuary
 1:15 pm Opening ceremonies in the sanctuary
 1:30 pm Walk begins (choice of 1 mile or 3 mile loop)
 Refreshments served after the walk

Call the Capital Area Council of Churches at (518) 462-5450
 Contact Patty Salsbury for information or to sign up: gogold111@aol.com

If you would like to sign up for our team online here is the link:
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny/FIRSTCHURCH>

SUBMIT PHOTOS

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

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

MAY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADER</u>
May 6	Kristin Waters Linda Faulkner	Nancy Rutenber
May 13	Delores Campbell Emma Herendeen	Kristin Waters
May 20	Bob Griffin Todd Nemec	Arthur Stott
May 27	Pauline Martin Elizabeth Mensah	George Janeczko
June 3 (single 9:30 am service)	Barbara and Terry O'Neil	Kelly Visker



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

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Chris Steffens - 608-5300

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber - 456-0412

**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

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

Birthdays

17— Ric & Carol Barre
17—Bill & Charlotte Seim
20—Flo & Dan Willey
26—Tim & Julia Roske
26—John & Wendy Fox
30—John DeFrancisco & Karen Tedesco

2—David Atwoodd
3—Phyllis Veley
3—Michaela De
Francisco
6—Zachary Visker
6—Amanda
Markessinis
6—Arlene Ableman
6—Joan Pare
8—Lindsay Jones
9—Jackson

9—Peggy Breakell
10—Robert Griffin
11—Allison Van Doren
14—Patrick Braun
17—Robert Ezekiel
17—Chris Van Doren
22— Gail Van Patten
23— David Smith
24—Moryina Cole
28—Kerry Ann Williams



MAY 2018

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
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Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m.	Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	A.A. 7:00 am
6 Contemporary Praise Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m.	7 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	8 Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	9 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Yoga 5:30 pm	11 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	12 A.A. 7:00 am
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sundays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 9:30 am—Praise Service ⇒ 9:30 am—Adult Forum ⇒ 9:45am—Sunday School ⇒ 10:00 am—Fellowship Time ⇒ 11:00 am—Traditional Service ⇒ 2:45 pm—Praise Team Rehearsal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 4:00 pm—Quintessence Rehearsal ⇒ 4:30 pm—Wesley Ringers Rehearsal ⇒ 5:45 pm—New Song Rehearsal ⇒ 6:30 pm—Higher Up Rehearsal <p style="text-align: right;">**SEE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR CHANGES!</p>						

New Pastor comes to McKownville UMC

SPPRC is pleased to announce that Rev. Jeff Landon will be our new pastor beginning July 1st.

Rev. Jeff comes with many years of experience and says he is “passionate and excited about the ministry and living out my call.” He writes that he “loves experiencing the new life and transformation as people come to know Jesus Christ and learn to live as his disciples, especially when they come from hurt, brokenness, guilt, shame and addiction.”

Rev. Jeff grew up in Catskill NY. He attended Bangor Theological Seminary and received his Masters of Divinity at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Rev Jeff worked in the Albany inner city area at what is now Emmaus UMC and at Coxsackie prison. Since 2000 he has served at 3 Indiana churches and now wishes to move closer to home and family.

Three things that Rev. Jeff mentioned that a new church ought to know about him are...

“ I love God and I am committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ.”
“I love people.”
“I have a unique sense of humor.”

Please pray for Rev. Jeff Landon as he begins his transition back to New York and to our church. We encourage you to send notes and cards of welcome and encouragement. His mailing address is...

Rev. Jeff Landon
107 East Main St.
Flora, Indiana 46929

Yours in Christ,

Patti Krekeler and George Jeneczko
(co-chair of SPPRC)



Worship Service Leader Guidelines

If you find your date inconvenient, please attempt to switch with someone else and then notify the church office (518-456-1148 or email mckownumc@verizon.net) if possible by 9 a.m. of Wednesday of that week and let me know also (518-456-0412 or email nancyrutenber@mindspring.com or nancy_e_rutenber@yahoo.com).

As Worship Leader, you help set the tone that prepares the congregation for worship. Worship leader notes with service guidelines are in the attached document. (If you cannot open, let me know.)

See the Worship Leader Reference for a guide to the Worship Leader participation in the service. (One copy is kept in the pulpit/lectern.) The pastor or guest speaker can inform you if there are any changes.

Aids to being Worship Leader -

Service outline and scripture: To identify and review the scriptures you will be reading, contact McKownville's church office (518-456-1148) on Thursday or Friday morning. The lectern and pew Bibles are in the New Revised Standard Version translation. (To review the NRSV wording ahead of time, extra copies are in the cabinet in the room off the sanctuary or NRSV can be found online at <http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm>. Audio pronunciations can be found at <http://dictionary.reference.com/>.) Also, you may wish to pick up a copy of the worship bulletin to further familiarize yourself with the service for which you will be Lay Worship Leader.

Be early and get ready: On Sunday, please arrive at the church fifteen minutes prior to the service for which you are serving and check up front. There will be coffee time between the two services.

In the Bible on the pulpit/lectern place the bookmark to the scripture you will be reading. Double-check that you have the correct scripture. (For example, 2 Chronicles is in the Old Testament while 2 Corinthians is in the New Testament. 2 Corinthians 13 is not the same as 1 Corinthians 13.) It can be embarrassing to read the wrong scripture.

Look over any responsive readings or other readings in which the Worship Leader has a part. The microphone will be turned on; if you are tall or short, you may need to move it closer to your mouth.

You begin the service with the Greetings to the congregation after the organist/pianist is seated. The Pastor handles announcements.

Remember that worship is to God.

Thank you for helping the congregants worship.

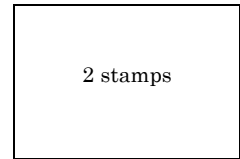
Nancy Rutenber, Worship Leader Coordinator

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Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

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Nancy Rhodes

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Insurance: Nancy Pullen

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Ministry Teams:

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Staff/Parish Relations: Oakley Neitzel, Patti Krekeler,
George Jenczko, Alan Longshore, Emma Herendeen,
Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Tricia Stott, Nancy Rutenber

Finance: Paul Scoville, Team Leader
Treasurer & Payroll: Tim Pierce
Finance Secretary: Barbara O'Neill

Worship: Charlie Yang, Team Leader

Evangelism through Outreach: Jim Bowen,
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader

Senior Ministries: Darcianne Leizer,
Team Leader