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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!

"As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



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TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

When Jesus had read this passage, he rolled up "the scroll, gave it to the servant, and sat down.

And they eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him." (Luke 4:20)

I sat down this morning to write my church newsletter reflection. As I sat in front of my computer screen my eyes turned to the pumpkins filling the courtyard outside my office window. I started thinking about a typical autumn Pastor's newsletter contribution that often speaks to the changing of the seasons and the changes in our lives and the life of the church. Those are great reflections. However, as I sat here my mind wandered and I started humming the tune "Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

I then remembered one of those quick interactions with people that I often face. I had just preached and served communion for a Community Interdenominational event in a rural Indiana community. At the end of the service, a young man introduced himself and politely asked me this question: "Where do we start, what is most important as we seek to obey the Great Commission (which was the focus of my message that day)?" Without a great deal of reflection, I said, "I think we need to focus on Jesus, who he is, and what he means.

I don't know if my answer is the entire remedy for the church, but I truly believe that we need to focus upon Jesus in order to find the renewal and revival that we seek.

All of that web-surfing in my mind eventually led me to this month's newsletter article because I believe when we focus on Jesus and who he is we are confronted with our salvation as well. More than ever, I believe we need to discover in fresh ways what it means to help individuals, our communities, our churches and all of creation to be a part of the salvation and wholeness that God intends.

We have to understand that people can be lost and without meaning if they are separated from God's way. We have to know the ways in which Jesus is the answer to our "lostness" and offers us salvation, with wholeness and with new life.

We get busy with so many "other things", and too easily neglect the basics of our faith. We neglect Jesus.

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Lauren Daigle has a beautiful rendition of that hymn I referred to earlier, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Here are some of the words:

- Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace
- O soul are you weary and troubled?, No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free
- Through death into life everlasting, He passed, and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more has dominion, For more than conquerors we are
- Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace
- His word shall not fail you, He promised, Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell

I wonder what would happen if we truly were to turn our eyes upon Jesus more often?

Perhaps we would be more tolerant and less rigid. To know Jesus and to follow Jesus is to discover his model of openness, hospitality and grace. Too much of what passes for "Christianity" today is rigid, judgmental, and harsh. If we turn our focus to Jesus, we might be more open disciples and thus a more open church that reflects Jesus.

Perhaps we would have a more vital message to share. People in our culture aren't looking for the church to be another civic club that does good things. They are looking for meaning, purpose, focus for their lives. Only Jesus provides a powerful message which is worth sharing with others. To share Jesus is to put ourselves into the background and to bring forward a message that matters.

I also wonder if we would be re-energized in our missions and ministry of compassion. I notice that many churches and pastors today are getting "compassion fatigue" which comes from trying to do it all on your own. To turn our eyes to Jesus allows us to be empowered by his Spirit and strength, rather than running out of energy by using only our own strength.

Maybe we would clarify our worship. We would remember that worship is not about us, and when we make it about us we lose power. Too much worship today is about performance and preference. Turning our eyes upon Jesus reminds us of our reason to worship, to confess, to praise, and to go forth to serve.

I believe with our eyes on Jesus we would streamline our practices and polity. Rather than having lots of meetings like any other organization, we would keep loving, learning, leading, and doing those things that really matter. How do we know what really matters? We focus upon the things that mattered to Jesus.

Perhaps turning our eyes upon Jesus sounds too simplistic. In reality it is a life-long pursuit and a growing-in-grace process. I find myself humming that song as a personal prayer from time to time: "Lord, help me to turn my eyes upon Jesus. Help me to put Jesus at the center of my life, at the center of our ministries, the church and Jesus at the center of it all."
Please join me in that prayer and that mission.

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With you on the journey,
Following Jesus,

Pastor Jeff



“Constant Change.”

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher from the 6th century B.C is quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life."

We're now looking at another season of change. We'll soon feel the cool air, see the days shorten, and the changing of the trees from green to a variety of fall colors. *What is actually happening with the leaves??* The yellow and orange colors we see in the fall are always there; they're just masked by the green chlorophyll during the spring and summer. As the Chlorophyll breaks down, the bright colors we see in the Fall become visible.

The same can be said on the nights when we look up at the sky and see a full moon and the stars. On a cloudy night, we see nothing above, but we know that the moon is still there, and the stars are still there. When the clouds part, we see them again. They never left the sky, they were always there.

When we think about the quote from those many centuries ago, I think we can agree that our lives here on earth as we know it, *are* filled with constant change. We've learned over the years to expect change. But when we view our lives from the perspective of our Faith, we know that the only True Constant in life.....is God. God never changes. His promises never change, His love for us never changes. His Son Jesus is always among us, and His Holy Spirit is with us at all times.

God is the constant in all we do. The constant change that we experience as humans is calmed and steadied by the hand of God. He calms the waters and settles our souls.

We know that change is part of life. And whether we look forward to it, or resist it, change will always be there. But so will God, and we can always remain steady as we place our fears and anxieties in His hands.

So as we turn the page to another season, knowing that in the blink of an eye we'll be putting up our Christmas trees, let's remember that the beautiful colors of the leaves were always there. On rainy days the sun still shines above the clouds, and the stars are still as bright as ever. But most of all, let's remember that God is there for us always, the One Constant we'll always have, the only One we'll ever need.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall season,

Dom Perfetti





Welcome all to our Healing Ministry, we are here to pray for you.

We live in a busy world, with violence, challenges, religious fights, sickness, and so many other issues. The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 22:430, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. " How can we follow this scripture in our daily lives? How can we find a good neighbor? We can use this scripture with our families, relatives, friends, and in our jobs. Many of our jobs are unique and special. Through our jobs, we can love and help neighbors. For example: I would like to share one true event that happened recently.

On a cold and rainy day around 11:30 am on the morning of September 10th, my husband and I were driving near Stuyvesant Plaza on Western Avenue in Albany. Our car suddenly slowed down and was unable to move forward. We were stuck in heavy traffic and in the driving lane. I started praying to God to keep us safe as well as the people in the other cars. My husband was able to stop the car in the center lane near the Lutheran Church.

Suddenly, I saw a blue New York State Trooper car stop near our car. The Trooper J. Trusoki asked us what the problem was. We explained our situation about our car. He came out of his car and said, "Don't worry, I am going to call for help and take care of the traffic. Then, I will be back to help you." Then an Albany Police Officer arrived and started directing the traffic. Trooper Tursoki assisted us by pushing our car off the road into a parking area and then called for a tow truck.

Trooper Tursoki said that he was on his way to lunch and saw our car and thought he could help us. He left for lunch and when he came back to check on us, but our car was still not towed. Trooper Tursoki said to us, "I'm leaving and I hope the towing company will help. Is there any other help you need?" We said, "You gave us wonderful help, and our son who is also state trooper who called us and said he was coming to help." We gave many thanks to him and then he left. We will never forget Trooper Tursoki and all his help.



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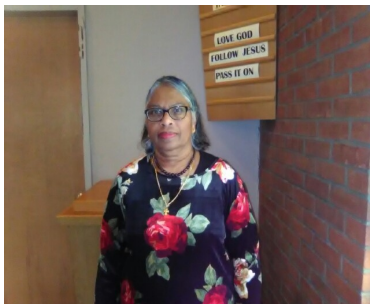


Our son, Trooper R. Ezekiel, who was also on duty took special permission to help us. Trooper Ezekiel helped to get our car towed and then he gave us a ride home. Both Trooper Tursoki and Trooper Ezekiel gave amazing help. Their sincere desire for duty, thoughtfulness, and humble service were greatly appreciated. We saw the scripture through their service for us. "Love your neighbor as yourself." We felt peaceful and safe. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless them and their families. May God keep them safe under His Holy presence now and forever. Amen.

Thank you every read and may God Bless you.

Shalom to you all,

Olive Ezekiel
Minister For Healing

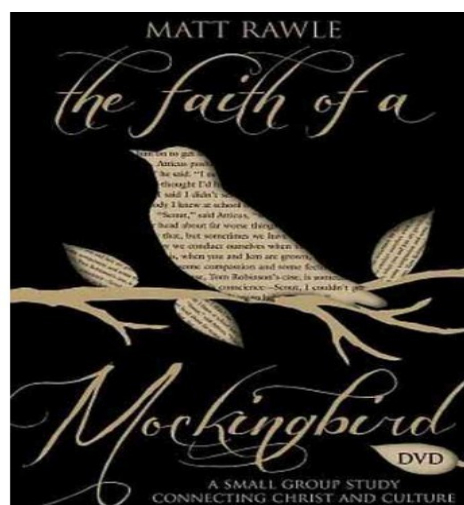
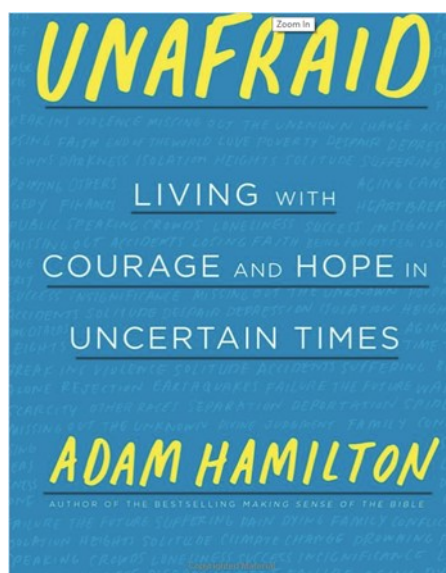


ADULT FORUM

In October-November, Adam Hamilton will guide us through a study guide and video *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* which invites us to confront our fears: fears of health, finances, relationships, the future, the consequences of the past, and even fear of God. Our Advent study in December will be based on characters from *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. In between these courses, a few Sundays will have a discussion topic just for that day. What we do in January depends partly on feedback from participants.

Topics, which vary depending upon the interests of the group, relate to our Christian history, heritage, and literature and to contemporary issues and trends in light of our Christian foundation. In the past year we studied the Apostle's Creed and considered the theology of our favorite hymns. Amy Jill Levine lectured about familiar parables and we traveled with Rick Steves to Reformation Germany, Palestine, and Israel. We engaged questions about living the Christian life with Max Lucado, Mike Slaughter, Adam Hamilton, and Bruce Epperly. We looked for God in the movies by viewing a film and seeking places in the plot or action where God is present. Does even one of these subjects intrigue you? Then you are a person we seek!

Adult Forum! Put it on your church calendar. See you on September 10th!



Youth News

The Guilderland Youth Group is a group of Youth in grades 7-12 who meet for a safe, fun place to learn and get hands on involved in spreading the Good News! We meet weekly September – June, mostly on Sunday evenings at 7pm (some exceptions for special events may happen on other days)

If you want to get involved or have questions about upcoming events, see Angela Stott (coordinator) or Dakota Stott (2018 group President) for details.

September (all meetings Sundays at 7pm unless noted)

9/9 Homecoming! Welcome Back – Ice Breaker games, Food, Music, FUN!

9/16 Fall Service Project – Costumes and More...

9/23 Planning Meeting – Elect Officers, Discuss upcoming events, plan fundraisers

Thursday 9/27 PUMPKINS ARRIVE – PLEASE COME HELP!

9/30 Guest Speaker – TBD

Saturday 10/6 PUMPKIN FESTIVAL with Brooks BBQ

10/7 Christmas Wrapping (Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes)

*Costumes and More... We will collect and create pieces and parts for costumes to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Families with hospitalized children are offered a place to stay near the hospital through Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Many times families stay longer than expected or arrive due to sudden illness. Siblings can be displaced and away from home due to illness. This project is intended to give dress up choices and options for the children staying at the Ronald McDonald House. As we approach the season of dress up and pretend, we hope to put together a treasure chest of crowns and shields, gowns and robes, wings and magic wands. If you have pieces of old costumes or clothes that you would like to contribute, please see Angela Stott or send with a member of the youth group.



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WHAT IS YOUTH 2019????

It's a great way to make friends

This seems pretty obvious, but I'll say it anyway. The YOUTH Event is an amazing way to make life long friends. Not only do you get to bond with your youth group you get to meet kids from all over the country!

It will strengthen your faith

I can't tell you how many times I have heard people say to me "The YOUTH Event is where I first felt my call to ministry." How amazing is it to think that this week spent in Kansas City, having fun with great friends, could be a week that changes your life?

God's work, your hands

This year we are doing something a little different with the YOUTH Event. We've always incorporated service into the YOUTH Event, but it's going to be BIGGER and BETTER. In 2019 we will be doing an entire day of service. Groups will be sent out into Kansas City to help us leave the city better than we found it.

Worship

We already talked about how the YOUTH Event can impact your faith life, but it's really amazing worship experience in general. Where else can you worship with six thousand other Methodists? We can't wait to host everyone in the [Kansas City Municipal Auditorium](#). It's going to be amazing!

Kansas City

If you haven't been to Kansas City lately you are in for a great surprise! Kansas City has a vibrant, friendly, and safe downtown full of fun activities and great food. I mean, Kansas City BBQ, need I say more?

I hope this has gotten you excited for YOUTH 2019. Registration is now open. Youth from McKownville UMC and the Guilderland Youth Group will be traveling together as a group. Please see Angela Stott if you have any questions regarding the event. We will be contacting families directly to confirm interest and discuss registration. GYG holds fundraisers in order to support the expense of this event. If the question of cost is holding you back, please ask. Funds are available to support everyone interested in attending!



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Pumpkin Patch

McKownville's Pumpkin Patch is so much more than a fundraiser. It is a site to bring the community together. It is a mission to serve the Navajo's who grow them and the independent truckers who deliver them. It provides scholarship money to support those traveling for mission work. Support of this project is in your hands – work for just 1 hour, or many; work in the patch and interact with visitors (invite them inside for worship or activities); work behind the scenes with publicity, patch design, or volunteer coordinating; be creative and help our patch grow!

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. If you have not volunteered with us before or need a refresher using the Square for credit card sales, see Angela Stott for a brief instructional review.

Pumpkin Pies! Pumpkins are more fragile than one would think and regularly get bruised or broken in the patch so that they cannot be sold. But waste not want not! We take these broken pumpkins and clean them and cook them to be made into Pumpkin Pies! These pies are given to the Capital City Rescue Mission to be served for Thanksgiving. If you have some time and a stove, please contact Angela or James Stott to get a pumpkin or two to turn into puree!



Brooks Chicken BBQ!



Saturday, October 6, 2018

11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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

Adult Chicken Dinner	\$11.50	Take out or eat in)
Child's Dinner	\$8.75	(Eat in only)
Chicken Only	\$9.00	(Take out only)



NEJ Mission of Peace *Team 2019*

The Albany District of the UMC has one of our own who has been chosen to be part of the NEJ Mission of Peace Team 2019 to the Philippines! Congratulations to Dakota Stott, from McKownville UMC, who will be traveling with this team!

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.

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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. **If you would like to have Dakota present her experiences to your congregation, please reach out to the Administrative Assistant at McKownville UMC with your church's name and some proposed dates for her visit.**

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, 13,18), and South Africa (09, 14). This will be our first MOP to the Philippine islands.

Information regarding upcoming fundraisers to support Dakota's trip will be forthcoming. **To reach out to Dakota regarding a presentation at your church contact:**

**McKownville United Methodist Church
Western Avenue, Guilderland
(518) 456-1148**



Save these Dates!

♦ October 6th

Brooks Chicken BBQ w/Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

♦ October 7th:

Christmas Wrapping (**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**) -

Shoe boxes

Please Note:

Have a pile of **shoe boxes** laying around from all of your new school 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 1st so we can get them wrapped.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Wrapped Christmas boxes will be available October 14th 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. All boxes must be returned no later than November 18th. **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



Monthly Church Meetings

Sunday Rehearsals/Meetings

8:30 am.....	Praise Team Rehearsal
9:30 am.....	Praise Service
9:45 am.....	Sunday School
10:30 am.....	Fellowship Time
11:00 am.....	Traditional Service
3:00 pm.....	Praise Team Rehearsal
4:30pm.....	Wesley Ringers
5:45 pm.....	New Song Rehearsal
6:30 pm.....	Higher Up Rehearsal

Monthly Church Meetings

Finance Team	Second Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Leadership Council.....	Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Trustees Team.....	Third Sunday at 8:15 am
Worship Team.....	Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

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



Announcements

Prayers

Prayers for the Rev. Charlie Yang and his wife Euni. Euni is facing serious health issues and asks for our prayers. If anyone would like to send a get well card or even a note to Euni, her address is as follows:

28 Church Street
Niverville, NY 12130



UNY United Methodist Men

WHAT: POTATO DROP - The Albany District of the United Methodist Men (UMM) has arranged through The Society of St. Andrews to have a Potato Drop of 880 - 50# bags of potatoes to be delivered for pick-up by food for the hungry advocates.

WHERE: McKownville United Methodist Church - 1565 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203

WHEN: October 13, 2018 - 8:00 am to ? (no potatoes left)

HOW: Reservations Required - All interested agencies shall contact the UMM (info below) for pick-up of potatoes, reserving the number of bags your agency is willing to pick-up at the above location. There will be volunteer help provided by UMM for assisting in loading of the bags of potatoes into vehicles, onto trucks and trailers, etc. At this point in time we request that no agency reserve no more than 40 bags (one ton pallet).

UMM CONTACT INFORMATION: Please make your reservations of bags of potatoes to: Andrew S. Bell, VP AlbanyDistrict, UMM UMM andybellpe@gmail.com

Please leave email with all your contact information, including phone number.

Musicians Wanted!!

Do you like to sing? Have you ever wondered what it is like to ring a handbell? If you answered 'yes' to either or both of these questions, we have a place for you!

Singers high-school age and older are invited to sing in the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm in the sanctuary and begin on September 5. All singers are welcome – no auditions necessary. If you have questions, contact Christy Beauregard (patchris30@verizon.net) or Nancy Clarke (clarkesn1@verizon.net).

Singers in grades 6 through 12 are invited to sing in Higher Up. Rehearsals are Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary and begin September 16. Drummers and guitarists are also welcome to join this group. Contact Christy Beauregard for more info.

The handbell choirs will begin rehearsals on September 16. Experienced ringers rehearse in Wesley Ringers from 4:30 to 5:45 pm Sunday afternoons. Younger and less experienced or new ringers (grades 3 and older) rehearse in New Song from 5:45 to 6:30 pm Sundays. Both rehearsals are in the sanctuary. Contact Pat Beauregard (patchris30@verizon.net) with any questions.

We hope to see you at rehearsal! Let's make music together for our worship services!

Announcements

Guilderland Farmers Market

- Open Sundays until the end of October
- Sundays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Corner of Rte. 155 and Western Avenue
(Behind Trustco Bank at the Star Plaza)



Harvest Fair

Pine Grove United Methodist Church, 1580 Central Ave., Colonie, will hold a Harvest Faire on Fri., Oct. 26, and Sat., Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. This year's booths include: jewelry, treasures, white elephant, Christmas, quilted & knitted items, toys, books and baked goods.

A lunch of sandwiches and pie will be available on Friday. Saturday's lunch will include chili, hotdogs and dessert. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days.

This annual event is sponsored by Pine Grove United Methodist Women.

B. Zanella
Communications Chair
Pine Grove UMC
518-869-6281



Homecoming

Thursday, October 11, 2018
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
The Linda Performing Arts Studio,
339 Central Ave., Albany, NY

This year marks our 30th anniversary and we're coming home. Coming home to our foundation, to our roots, to our core vision: a community where everyone has a decent place to live. We'll remind ourselves of Habitat's radical and audacious beginnings and how our mission continues to build impact in the community today. You'll also hear stories from members of our local Habitat family—homebuyers, volunteers, donors—about what home means to them.

Mingling & snacks 5:00 - 5:30pm

Program 5:30 - 6:30pm

Single ticket - \$20

Double ticket - \$30 (Bring a friend!)

P.S. Parking is free at the Linda, and there is a cash bar available.

Dress code = casual, business casual... come as you are!



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!

VACANCIES

Our trustees are looking at some vacancies.

WATCH IT LIVE!

You can view the Pastor's sermons live as they happen or later on when you have time from our Facebook page at : [McKownvilleChurch](https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch).

OCTOBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
October 7	Darcianne Leizer Tricia Stott	Monte Waters
October 14	Teri and Paul Scoville	Paul Scoville
October 21	Stephen Clarke Lucille Esposito	Nancy Rutenber
October 28	Vicki Lockman Pauline Martin	Nan Pullen
November 4	Delores Campbell Helen Knight	Laura Benson Marotta



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

Coffee Hour Coordinator: Chris Steffens - 518-608-5300

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber - 518-456-0412

**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.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

8 – Carl & Ildra Morse
12 – Chris & Tara Brewer
18 – Joe & Linda Shanley

Birthdays

2 – Kevin Williams
4 – Vera Brooks
4 – Keira Williams
6 – “T” Stillman
6 – Alan Longshore
8 – Ellen Swanson
9 -- Dominic Mastrogiovanni
10 – Maria D'Ambrosio
12 – Laura Scoville
15 – Nancy Rutenber
16 – Tara Brewer
20 – Vivian Jones
24 – Dylan Liotta
28 – Ric Barre
29 – Pat Arnott
29 – Wendy Liotta
29 – Kristine Liotta
30 – Lisa Krekeler



Mission Opportunities

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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, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. -John Wesley

Do you have a calling to missions and outreach of the church? Do you have ideas for future mission work that could be done through our church? Consider joining the Outreach Team. There is always room for more people and ideas on the team. Any questions about the team, talk to any member's of the team.

Jim Bowen, Darcianne Leizer, Todd Nemec, Angela Stott, James Stott, Tricia Stott

How you can help after hurricane Florence?

When disaster strikes, we always wonder how we can help. The first response needed would be prayers. Pray for the people who lost so much. Pray for the people helping and pray for the healing and rebuilding. With Hurricane Florence, you see pictures of homes that were swept away or lie in a tangled heap. There are images shown of people who have lost their belongings. The two ways we as a church can help right now is with cash donations and Assembling United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets).

In the coming weeks, there will be a special donation for those affected by hurricane Florence on one Sunday. If donating by check, be sure to put "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

For the month of October, donations will be collected for Flood Buckets or Cleaning Kits. Any part or completed buckets will be collected. The church conference office has requested Flood Buckets because in addition to hurricane Florence, closer to home, there was flooding in Seneca County and throughout Pennsylvania. There is now a shortage of flood relief supplies.

Below is a list of items that are needed for the Flood Buckets.

Cleaning Kit Materials

- **One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)**
 - o No screw lids
 - o May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - o Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- **One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner**
 - No spray cleaners

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- **One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap**
- **One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (three solid, or three gel fresheners also acceptable)**
- **One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)**
 - o Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- **One scrub brush**
 - o With or without handle
- **18 re-useable cleaning wipes**
 - o No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - o Remove from packaging
- **Five scouring pads sponges**
 - o No stainless steel pads with soap in them
 - o Remove from packaging
- **36-50 clothespins**
- **One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)**
- **24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes)**
 - o Remove from packaging
- **Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)**
 - o No surgical masks
- **Two pairs kitchen gloves**
 - o Durable for multiple uses
 - o Remove from packaging
- **One pair work gloves**
 - o Cotton with leather palm or all leather

The prayers, money and flood buckets are helpful, but do not believe that recovery only takes a few days or weeks. Major disaster recovery can take years. There will be more needs as cleaning and rebuilding begins. People should not be forgotten after the news stories die down. There will be additional help needed. Have you ever considered how you prepare to respond to a disaster? If you want to respond in a safe, helpful way, seek disaster-response training. Maybe you would be interested in Early Response Team training. UMCOR's Early Response Teams (ERT) provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster. The training equips you to help communities clean up after a natural disaster - flood, tornado, hurricanes. ERTs carry out tasks such as damage assessment, debris removal, placing tarps on homes, and helping to prevent further damage. This training credentials you to enter disaster zones. An ERT badge is issued by UMCOR to applicants over the age of 18 after successful completion of the course and a background check. Badges are valid for three years. Individuals need not be United Methodist to take the training.

Another option to help, is either being a member of a team or lead a mission team. Below is the next mission team leader training. Consider attending. There are plans to send teams from our church to help where it is needed, locally and across the country. How do you want to help?

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UMV Mission Team Leader Training

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) team leader training will be offered on Sat. Oct. 27 from 9:00-3:00 at First UMC, Schenectady. Training will be led by Sylvia Reimer, an experienced team leader and member of the Upper NY Conference UMVIM steering committee. The cost of \$30 covers lunch and books. **Registration is due by October 6th** to make sure there are enough materials. This training is valuable for anyone interested in being either a team leader or a more effective team participant. Having a trained team leader not only promotes more effective teamwork, but is essential to obtain team insurance, grants, or scholarships for team members. If you are interested in participating in this training, contact Darcianne Leizer, email: en-

Change for Change *Cornerstone Campus Ministry*

The bucket is out again to collect your unwanted or spare change that is weighing down your wallet or purse. Get rid of all that annoying change by putting it in the bucket in the rear of the sanctuary. What you might consider a little bit of change, can make big changes in someone's life. For the month of October, the change collected will be given to Cornerstone Campus Ministry at SUNY Albany.

Cornerstone Campus Ministry brings students together to make a difference in the world. The group has worship services, Bible studies, mission trips and community activities for the students at UAlbany.

Over the years, McKownville United Methodist Church has provided food for their "Food and Faith" Tuesday night activity. Students have come and had bake sales to support their mission trips and we have given some financial support. Now, help them continue with their faith journey with your spare change.

For more information about Cornerstone Campus Ministry check out their website. <http://www.ualbanycornerstone.org/>



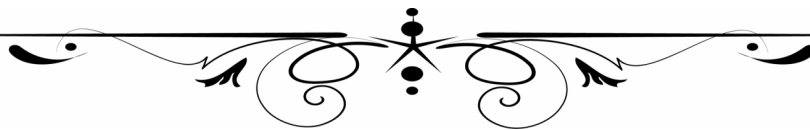
Guilderland Food Pantry

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

coffee
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	2 Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	3 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	4 TOT Hill Gang 9:30 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm	5 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	6 A.A. 7:00 am
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