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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."

"Our Church Values"

**Christ Centered; Our thoughts and actions are centered on God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.*

**Love; We love our neighbors as ourselves.*

**Integrity; We live to be thankful to God through our actions matching our values.*





It is almost hard to believe it is December, but the calendar says it is here. That means we are also starting the Christian seasons of Advent and Christmas. When you think of those words, how do you picture them? Many of us probably have in our heads a nostalgic picture of a Norman Rockwell-type setting, where everyone is happy and all is perfect.

My own experience is that Christmas is seldom as perfect as we hope it might be, and in fact our most pleasant childhood memories are probably not accurate. Seldom is Christmas as magical and lovely as the media portray it, and certainly that first Christmas was filled with unexpected surprise and difficulties. Having a "picture-perfect Christmas" is not likely, nor is it a goal worth pursuing.

I've been thinking a lot about peace lately. The season of Advent highlights the Hope, Peace, Love and Joy that the birth of Jesus offers to us. However, as I read the headlines and hear news of shootings, political dissension, natural disasters, and economic decline I have a hard time connecting it with the Christmas message.

All of these things affect our lives and cause extreme grief and pain to countless people. My point is that there are many people who have lost loved ones, their homes, their communities, and jobs and for them Christmas is anything but "perfect". People are suffering and the world seems to be spinning out of control. All of this can cause us to throw up our hands and shout "Where is the peace?"

As I was preparing my series of messages for this season I read Isaiah 9:6; For a child is born to us, A son is given to us; And the government is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Those words, "Prince of peace" are a source of great comfort for me. Knowing that I can find peace that the world cannot offer by putting my faith and trust in Jesus is a great source of hope and comfort to me.

My thoughts took me back to the Christmas of 2001 and the final weeks before my Mother's death on January 5th, 2002, I struggled to know how to pray for her. She was declining physically and in a rehabilitation center to help with the side effects from chemo therapy. She didn't want to focus on her condition so we spent a lot of our visits talking about the past and watching her favorite show; Law and Order. Mom was receiving good care, but her quality of life was certainly not what she or any of us, would want to continue forever. So I struggled to pray for her, and I found the most helpful prayer I could offer was for the peace of Christ to be with her.

As Mom began slipping in and out of consciousness the family gathered to be with her and say our goodbyes. On one occasion she popped up her head as if being suddenly awakened from a sound sleep. She looked around at us, smiled and said "Only God, Only God would do it this way", she looked at my sister and I and said "it's no time for tears" and laid her head down and closed her eyes for the final time. When she breathed her last, she was helped by hospice care; she was surrounded by family in the room, I held her hand, and she died peacefully. I believe that my prayers for peace were answered.

In a similar way, I struggle today to know how to pray for our world, our community, and the Church. Solutions to our many problems seem to escape us, and I hear many people rushing to various judgments and irresponsible statements based on misinformation, which is not fitting for our part of the Body of Christ as His disciples.

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Ephesians 2:14 reminds us that "Christ is our peace." Those words were addressed to a situation of division within the early church the division between Jews and Gentiles. While we may have our divisions and differences today in the world, the workplace, our families, and the church, none of those can compare to the huge divide that existed between Jews and Gentiles. And so I learn from these scriptures that:

The peace of Christ breaks down barriers. We may believe our current barriers are insurmountable, but Christ has broken down such barriers before and I believe the peace of Christ can overcome any barriers and divisions today. In such spiritual focus, there is unity and peace. The peace of Christ heals. Over the centuries, Christians have found that their differences have been healed only by offering one another the same forgiveness that Christ offers to us. In such forgiveness there is peace.

The peace of Christ brings eternal life. I believe that Mom has received the ultimate healing that is promised to all who are in Christ, and so can we. Someday we will gather at the Kingdom Banquet and all of our current political and theological differences will seem trivial. All of our hurts, hang-ups and destructive habits will be erased. In such a long-term perspective, there is peace. In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 2, verses 9-14 we read; And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord...And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward humankind.

This is not just the Christmas message. This is the message, period. This is why Jesus came. This is why we can keep on keeping on. This is what life is about. These are the good tidings of great joy: That Jesus came to all people to bring peace and good will to all people, and once we've experienced it, Jesus expects us to pass it on. This is how we glorify God.

During this season of Advent and Christmas we read over and over again that the Babe born in Bethlehem is the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, God with us. Here's my challenge: Choose to take first the path of peace, in every situation.

Do you have the courage to do it? If you do, not only will it fill your Christmas with peace, it will fill your life with peace. May we all find the peace that we need for whatever circumstances we face. May we all rest in the truth that Christ is our peace and may we a share that peace with the world that so desperately needs it.

I wish you all the peace of Christ this Christmas.
Pastor Jeff



Presents Everywhere!!!

Christmas Day is a day of celebration, and it's only a few short weeks away. I'm sure we all have a long "to do" list, and a list of presents needed for those special people in our lives.

Christmas presents are a long-standing tradition. Who doesn't like receiving a gift on Christmas Day?? We all look forward to the surprise of unwrapping a gift and seeing what our loved ones thought would make us smile. Parents love the gifts that are "school made" and often keep them in family "treasure boxes" forever. Children anticipate the presents under the tree and typically can't contain their excitement as they tear into the boxes that were carefully wrapped just hours ago.

Gift giving is such a big part of our Christmas celebration. It's a chance to fulfill the dreams and wishes of our kids, and the opportunity to get that extra special gift for that special person in our lives. Yes, for the first week or two after Christmas, we can sometimes find it difficult to walk around our homes without stepping on a toy or game. Especially with youngsters in the house, there can be presents everywhere!

As we reflect on past Christmases, what is it that we remember most? Do we recall each gift under the tree? Or do we remember other things that are not quite as tangible? I'd bet on the latter. As parents, we have the wonderful memories of another Christmas where we were able to see the joy in our children's eyes; and as kids, we remember our anticipation and excitement more than the gifts themselves. It's the spirit of the season that makes our memories so special.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to sustain that spirit year-round? There's no reason why we can't! Remember that God sent us His Son as our greatest gift, and His Spirit lives in us every day. Our physical gifts may lose their "newness" in a short time, but the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us to renew and refresh our lives daily. Christmas day is a reminder of the most Special Gift we can ever receive. Jesus Himself came upon us to provide us with a gift of eternal life; and to teach us and guide through every day of our lives.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season, and as we look around our homes and see presents everywhere, let's let them be a reminder that Jesus is with us throughout the entire year, and we can always feel ***His presence everywhere!***

God Bless you all this Christmas,

Dom Perfetti





Welcome everyone to our Healing Ministry. I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Now we are preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Making shopping lists and Christmas menus can be overwhelming. The cold, rainy and foggy weather can make us uncomfortable.

Let us sit for a minute and ask ourselves how we are going to bring our children into the Christmas celebration? Do they know about the Holy Child? All children associate Christmas with gifts, cookies and Santa. But do they know about the First Christmas? Some may know about it but others will not.

We spend some time talking with children about the First Christmas, the manger and the Baby Jesus. We buy many toys for children at Christmas. Maybe we can read books about the First Christmas and talk about the celebration.

We can tell them the manger was not a house; but a stable for the animals, how it was not clean or decorated, and how it smelled of animals. God sent his only son to be born in a manger. It was a quiet and simple Christmas. The animals walked around and kept Baby Jesus warm. There were no luxurious gifts, perfumes or food. Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in old clothes. Joseph, who was a carpenter, made a crib for Baby Jesus. Let us ask ourselves, how blessed are we? We must guide our children to understand that this blessing came from God. Let us teach them to invite the Holy Child as a Christmas gift.

After telling our children a bed-time story, parents should say a small prayer with them. Leaving the child's room with a prayer makes many blessings.



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When my sons were very young, I would lay my hand on them and say a prayer, silently, without disturbing their sleep. I helped them to memorize the scripture words on Sundays. They learned how to pray before they went to school and before they went to bed at night to thank and praise God for all his help.

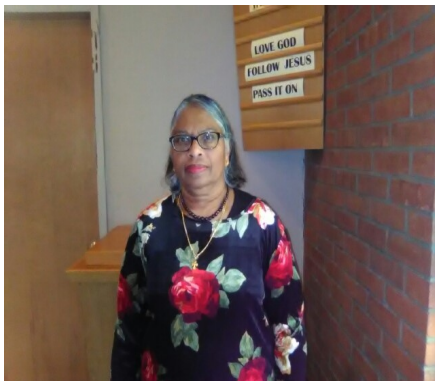
During the Christmas holiday, let us remember that the Lord Jesus was born to save us. Some parents have a hard time talking to their children about Jesus Christ. Makhi the prophet said, "He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the heart of children to their parents" (Malach 4:16). Let us pray for the parents who are separated from their children and for the children are separated from their parents. As Malach wrote, "The Lord Jesus will touch them and reunite them to celebrate Christmas."

Let us remember to pray for the families who are far away from each other for whatever reason. Zachariah 11:7 wrote what God had said to him, "I took two staff, one I named favor, the other I named Unity." May God touch the separated families, send his favor to love each other and unite them to celebrate Christmas. Let us bring our men and women who are serving for our nation to the presence of God. Though they are in different places, let us pray for them, "Lord God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love, he will exult over you with loud singing" (Zephaniah 3:17).

During this Christmas season, let our Lord Jesus Christ send out his healing power to heal us and heal our nearest families and friends. Let their Christmas be filled with joy!

WISH YOU ALL HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Olive Ezekiel
Ministry for Healing



ADULT FORUM

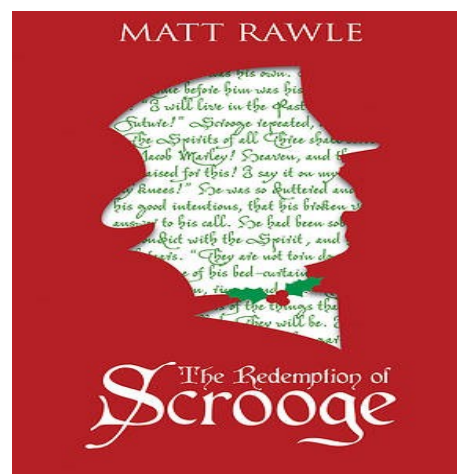
Scrooge!

During the four weeks of Advent, Adult Forum will explore how story and characters from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol reflect our situation and herald the coming of Christ Jesus. Join us 9:30 am Sundays or 7:00 pm Mondays.

Adult Forum meets Sunday 12/2 and Monday 12/3, Sunday 12/9 and Monday 12/10, Sunday 12/16 and Monday 12/17, and Sunday 12/23 but not Monday 12/24.

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.

[Adult Forum! Put it on your church calendar.](#)





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.



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.

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Worship...

We already talked about how the YOUTH Event can impact your faith life, but it's really an 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!



Christmas Poinsettias!



Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott **or mail the form and check to ANGELA STOTT, 65 WILLOW ST., GUILDERLAND, NY 12084.** Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church, do not send cash.

Deadline is December 9th

\$ 5.25 pots ___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

\$10.00 pots ___ Red ___ white ___ Marbled ___ Jingle Bells (speckled)

\$24.00 pots ___ Red ___ White ___ Burgundy ___ Marbled

 ___ Jingle Bells (speckled)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

****Poinsettias will be available to pick up after the Christmas Eve service or after worship on Sunday, December 30th..**



Albany District Vital Congregation Self-Help Group

McKownville UMC

Albany District Vital Congregations Self Help Group

In response to Albany District churches wanting to know more about vital congregations, the McKownville United Methodist Church is forming a Vital Congregations Self Help Group to continue to bring vital congregation concepts and practices learned at Grace United Methodist Church in Florida to the Albany District. Our goal is to bring churches that are practicing vital congregation techniques together with churches that want to learn and apply these techniques. The group will be led by MUMC's Resource Team, is open to all, and we encourage both clergy and laity to attend. The idea is to share what we learned and what we are practicing with others, help those who want to start, and brainstorm with others who may be stuck in "What do we do next?" Rather than a workshop, this is going to be an informal conversation where those present can focus in on topics that relate directly to their situations.

Our first meeting is Thursday, Oct 25, from 7:00p - 8:30p at McKownville UMC, with the plan to meet monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month. If interested in coming, please contact the MUMC office at 518-456-1148 or email us at mckownumc@verizon.net and let us know how many are coming. However, drop-ins are always welcome. For background info on what vital congregations are all about we suggest you get the book *Vital Churches Changing Communities and the World*.

Please Note:

Due to the upcoming holidays these meetings will resume in January 2019.



New Church Sign

A sign from God or a Sign for God?

What if we could tell people who we are?

What if we advertise our bible studies?

What if we could relay when the handbells are playing?

What if we could tell people about our missions?

What if we could tell people about our flood relief buckets and invite them to help?

What if we could relay special church events in the calendar to the entire community?

What if we could invite people to church?

What if we could do all this and more in one week with a single sign?

This could be both a sign from and for God!

Well we now have an opportunity to make our outdoor sign modern, flexible and more effective! After some excellent research by the trustees, we have selected a sign that will enable board messages to be changed by tapping a keyboard instead of hauling letters outside and physically switching them on the sign!

This will allow messages to be changed more frequently; the type of message could also vary bring more attention to the church's ministries and missions.

Believe me when I tell you this sign can be so much better than it is right now and changing the sign will be a step toward heaven!

The \$25,000 requested in the sign campaign would cover the sign, installation, town board approval and anything else that should be required to make this a reality!

A check or debit should be made payable to the **McKownville United Methodist Church**. The memo section needs to indicate it is for the **sign campaign fund** so the monies can be directed correctly.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Kelly Visker or pastor Jeff!

Yours in Christ,

Pat Beauregard

Save these Dates!

Sunday, December 2nd



Sunday, December 2nd, at 4:00 pm, at Christ the King Church, Sumter Avenue, Guilderland. The Interfaith Council Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will support the Guilderland Food Pantry. Vocal and hand bell choirs, and clergy from Guilderland Churches will participate.

Sunday, December 2nd



The Troy Victorian Stroll will take place from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us!



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.....Ignite Team Rehearsal
- 4:30pm.....Wesley Ringers Rehearsal
- 5:45 pm.....New Song Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm.....Higher Up Rehearsal

Monthly Church Meetings

- Finance TeamSecond 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
- Vital Congregation.....Fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm

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



Announcements

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

Honor those who mean the most to you with the gift of a flower! Both memorials and honorariums accepted in multiple price ranges. See order form for details. Orders due no later than Sunday, Dec. 9th, 2018



Contact Angela Stott to place your order or if you have questions! Flowers will be on display December 24th thru December 30th. Poinsettias will be available to pick up after the Christmas Eve service or after worship on Sunday, December 30th.

Child Care 2 Openings

Nursery Staff Position: Together with nursery supervisor, responsible for care of infant thru toddler. Ratio of nursery staff to children is 1-4. Presently 2-3 attend, but may grow in the future. Approximately 1.5 hours per week every Sunday, at Mckownville UMC, 1565 Western Ave, Albany NY. Hours are 9:15 – 10:45. Potentially additional hours may be requested to support church activities.

Willing to work with collegiate calendar.
Child 2 \$12 hourly salary



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



Mark Your Calendar!

God is on the Move Visioning Retreat; January 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Together we are more!

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.

Announcements

Assistance Needed for End of Year Church Audit Members

The Finance Team is looking for someone to perform the end-of-year church audit. Professional experience in accounting or bookkeeping would be useful, but is not required. The ability to balance a check book, reconcile bank statements, and work with Excel spreadsheets will get the job done! Please notify Chris at the office if you are interested and would like more information about what is involved, or contact Paul Scoville after the 9:30 service Sundays. The work will start in January and must be completed by March 15th.



SPPR Reminder

The SPPR Team Members will be collecting for Staff Christmas Gifts the following dates/services

12/2 – early (George Janeczko), late (Alan Longshore)

12/9 - early (Sue Burns), late (Emma Herendeen)

12/16 - early (Teri Scoville), late (Tricia Stott)

Note: Two SPPR members will be present during the coffee hour between services. Gifts can be placed in an envelope and marked: SPPR Christmas Gifts to Staff

Thank You

Thank you for all of your help! We met and exceeded our goal by collecting 109 Shoe Boxes!



DECEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
December 2	Laura Faulkner Alan Longshore	Noreen VanDoren
December 9	Susan and Bill Burns	Todd Nemece
December 16	Dorothy Ellenwood Henry Walter	Cathy Wells
December 23	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Eugene Gee
December 24	Frank D'Ambrosio Eugene Gee Stephanie DeVall Arthur Stott	Pat Beauregard
December 30	Volunteers Needed	George Janeczko



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

* 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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 28 – Terry & Barbara O’Neill
- 28 – Matthew & Leith Mead



Birthdays

- 2 – Tim Roske
- 3 – Colleen LaFave
- 4 – Paul Scoville
- 6 – Barbara Cullen
- 7 – Megan Scolaro
- 11 – Cheryl Arnott
- 13 – Wendy Fox
- 13 – Arthur Van Buren
- 18 – Phil Atwood
- 19 – Noreen Van Doren
- 19 – Evelyn Fink
- 19 – Pamella Scattareggia
- 21 – Lucy Gee
- 21 – Walter Breakell
- 22 – Sierra Liotta
- 22 – Kristine Richardson
- 23 – Julian Levine
- 25 – Dorothy Ellinwood
- 26 – Kylie Culver
- 26 – Janna Neitzel
- 27 – Matt Stillman
- 28 – Christina Cook
- 28 – Geoffrey Fox
- 30 – Jason Moon



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.

Cornerstone Campus Ministry *Winter Break Mission*

You Can Help Make a Difference! On January 5, a group of 15-20 members of UAlbany Cornerstone

Students will be traveling to Puerto Rico to work with Lutheran Disaster Response to address the needs of those impacted by Hurricane Maria. The cost per student is approximately \$800. Each student is asked to contribute \$100 toward the cost and the balance is covered by fund-raisers and donations from congregations and individual members and this year a generous grant from SUNY. If you would like to "adopt a student" for the trip, please make your check payable to "Protestant Campus Ministry" and mail to Rev. Sandy Damhof, UAlbany Interfaith Center ~ CC346, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222.

Suggested "adoption fee" is \$175 but any amount is welcome!



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Dear Friends

If you could make a difference in the life of someone impacted by Hurricane Harvey would you do it? You can help a college student serve in Puerto Rico during Winter Break! Plans are underway for our Cornerstone Campus Ministry Winter Break Mission Trip in January 2019. This year we are planning to travel to Puerto Rico and work with Lutheran Social Service Puerto Rico to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Maria. We'd like to invite you to be part of our planning to make a difference in the world!

We have 22 members of Cornerstone planning to participate; that number is higher than usual, so the need for funds is greater. We will be housed at the Campamento Lutherano Eduardo Roig outside of San Juan and we will be working with Lutheran Disaster Response to rebuild homes. As you may know, we've made many similar trips to New Orleans, Birmingham, Austin and Houston in the past and each time it has been a life-changing experience for our students as they learn and live in the midst of crises response.

This year we'll be flying down to San Juan on Sunday, January 5 and returning on Saturday, January 12. The trip costs us approximately \$800 per person (including round-trip air fare, ground transportation and the cost of meals and supplies). Because we are part of a joint initiative by the Governor and SUNY Central to get as many students, they will be covering a portion each student's air fare as well as offering a free course credit for their week of service. As a result each student will only need to contribute \$100 towards the cost this year; they may in turn ask their home congregations to cover a portion of that registration fee. The balance is covered through fund-raisers such as bake sales, etc. and generous gifts of our supporting congregations.

We would like to ask you to consider "adopting a student" through your mission or outreach fund or perhaps through your regular operating budget or a special offering. In return, we'll make every effort to schedule a time to report to your congregation about the trip when we return. We can assist with worship or lead an adult forum or assist with a potluck dinner program or whatever creative venue you can provide for us to share our story. "Adoption" costs \$175 per student (of course if you'd like to contribute more, we'd be willing to accept it!)



Adopt a Student for Disaster Response Service Learning Trip to Puerto Rico

This year Cornerstone Campus Ministry will travel to Puerto Rico, to work with Lutheran Disaster Response to serve those impacted by Hurricane Maria.

We anticipate 15-20 students to be registered for the trip – an outstanding number so the need for funding is greater than in the past.

If you or your congregation would like to “adopt-a-student” please let us know by returning the form or emailing Rev. Sandy Damhof at sdamhof@albany.edu

We would appreciate payment prior to our departure (January 5) but it is not absolutely necessary but please let us know the money is coming so we can plan accordingly.

Yes I/We would like to adopt a student for the January Mission Trip sponsored by Cornerstone Campus Ministry.

Please make check payable to “Protestant Campus Ministry” and mail to Protestant Campus Ministry, Interfaith Center at UAlbany-CC346, 1400 Washington Ave, Albany NY 12222

_____ My/Our check for \$175 is enclosed!

_____ I/We will send our check later!

Name of Church or Individual _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____



Guilderland Food Pantry

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

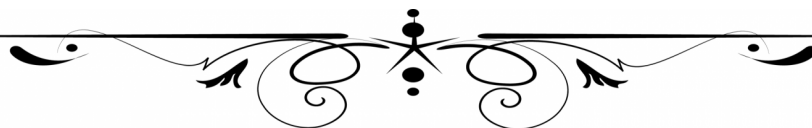
paper towels
toilet paper
dish detergent
laundry detergent



Guilderland Food Pantry, Inc.
PO Box 7 Guilderland, NY 12084
Web: www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com
Email: guilderlandfoodpantry79@gmail.com
Phone: (518) 930-1001

*God bless you and your congregation.
You continue to feed 145 families each
month. 93 families participate in our
holiday meal program.*

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DECEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 A.A. 7:00 am
2 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Praise Team 3:00 pm Wesley Ringers 4:30 pm New Song 5:45 pm Higher Up 6:30 pm	3 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	4 Living Resources 9:30 am A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	5 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	6 TOT Hill Gang 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm	7 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	8 A.A. 7:00 am
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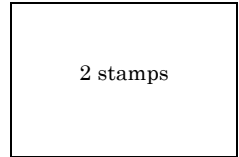


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