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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.***

Guest WiFi: LoveGod1565





"Is Christmas Over Yet?"

It seems to me that it is becoming more challenging every year to know when the Christmas season begins. The store displays and online ads for Christmas seem to start earlier and earlier each year. It used to be just after Thanksgiving, then early November, then Halloween, and now you see as early as September the commercial rush for Christmas beginning. There are some churches who start their Christmas celebrations and decorations and events well before of the season of Advent. So, it makes you wonder; when does Christmas begin?

Even more challenging is to figure out when Christmas ends. Some of my neighbors removed their Christmas decorations a day or two after Christmas day, and the post-Christmas sales have begun with intensity. I was in a store last week and they were putting out their Valentine's Day merchandise!

Is Christmas over already? Did we rush through October, November, and the first 24 days of December just to get it over with? I remember one morning in mid-December when I stopped to get my morning coffee overhearing someone complaining about all the effort required for Christmas, and he ended his rant by telling his friend in a loud enough voice for everyone to hear, "I'll just be glad when the whole thing is over!"

Christmas traditions differ, of course, and some of them today seem old-fashioned in the midst of the rush of "commercial Christmas." Some people grew up in a family where their home had no Christmas tree or decorations until Christmas Eve. Then the children would wake up on Christmas morning to find the house decorated, a beautiful Christmas tree, and presents under the tree from Santa – the idea being that Christmas comes as a total gift for which the kids were to wait in expectation. I suspect their Christmas morning also meant very tired parents as a result of doing all that decorating during the night! It makes me wonder ... would anyone be willing to wait like that now ?



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I grew up in a home where my parents waited to decorate until after Thanksgiving, but the day after Thanksgiving started the rush of decorating. Since it seemed that my mother hung lights and decorations on anything and everything, it took a while to do all of that decorating. Then we would keep those decorations up until at least New Year's Day.

So what were your family traditions? When does Christmas begin and end for you? Our Christian calendar says that Advent is the time leading up to Christmas meant to help us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of the coming of Christ on December 25th. Then the Christmas season continues until Epiphany Day on January 6th, which is the day many Christians actually give gifts to one another to remember that the Wise Men brought gifts.

Sadly, I don't find that many American Christians pay much attention to Advent and its meanings that run much deeper than just preparing for Christmas. Even fewer pay attention to Epiphany and its reminder of the Good News to the whole world. Advent and Epiphany could help us to find deeper meaning in Christmas, but we are in such a rush to "do Christmas" that we often don't do Christmas very well.

It just might be that Christmas "ends" when we forget the lessons of love and grace which come in the Christmas story. Christmas is really over when we lose the sense of peace which seems to shine through the darkness of our world on Christmas Eve as we light our candles and draw closer to God and to one another. Perhaps we are really finished with Christmas when we let the spirit of Christmas fade into the dullness of our everyday routines.

Maybe it doesn't have to be that way. No matter when we take down the decorations or finish with the Christmas events and parties, maybe Christmas can live on as a state of mind, as a spirit of peace, and as a spiritual focus in our lives. Maybe after singing and proclaiming the Good News of Christ, maybe; just maybe; we can live in that Good News every day.

Is Christmas over? I sure hope not.

Pastor Jeff



Where Do We Start??

A Chinese proverb says, "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now."

After a very busy Christmas season, where do we start to prepare ourselves for another year? What will we be facing in 2019? Will we be making decisions on where to go to college? Decisions about a possible career change? A move to another state? Maybe considering retirement??

The years seem to move by faster and faster, and although we can try our best to plan, we know there will be some unexpected surprises. As we do our best to get our "ducks in a row" we also know that there will be twists and turns coming our way that we just cannot plan for or anticipate.

So, where do we start? How do we put our best foot forward for a successful start of another year? Just like the Chinese proverb speaks to planting a tree today, can we also begin to change our lives today?? Well, maybe the answer is not as complicated as we may think it is. If we didn't accept Jesus into our hearts 20 years ago (or more!) can we ask Him to become our Lord and Savior today? Of course we can! And He's waiting to hear from us. Anytime we invite Jesus into our lives is a time to celebrate and start anew. Similar to planting a tree, inviting our Lord into our hearts starts our growing as Christians. And over time, Jesus' Spirit becomes stronger and stronger within us, with deep roots to keep us steady and grounded during life's storms; and branches to reach out to others.

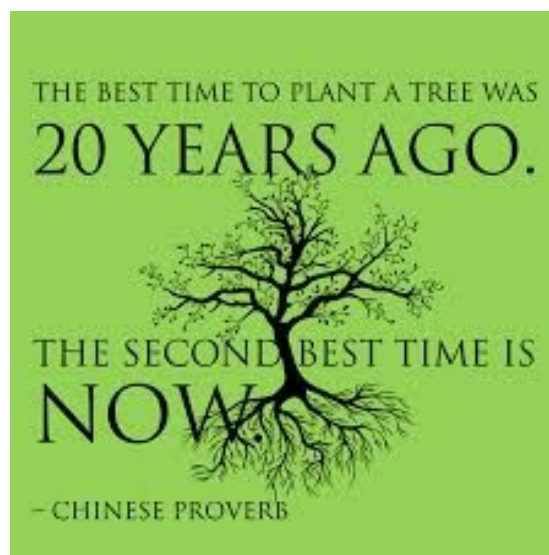
Yes, it is a New Year, and it's always good to start out the year with a positive outlook and attitude; but we all know that we can also be easily discouraged when we try to make life changes on our own. We need help. And help is always there when we turn to Jesus. When we ask Him to help us, He's there. His Spirit will not let us down; and through the ups and downs that a year can bring, Jesus will be with us through the calm waters, and the unpredictable rapids.

Let's start the year off in the right direction. To make the most significant change in our lives, let's take the simplest approach. For a moment, let's set aside the long lists of goals, financial targets, time driven milestones and overloaded schedules; and simply go to a quiet place and renew ourselves in Jesus. Once we ask Him to guide us through another year, we can gain the confidence that regardless of what we face, we know He will be there to see us through.

The answer to the question, "Where do we start?" always has the same answer...with Jesus!!!

Prayers for a safe, healthy and blessed New Year,

Dom Perfetti





Welcome everyone to our healing ministry. Let us give praise and honor to our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the Year 2019. Let us enter into this new year. If we look back on the year 2018, we can see how much God gave us with his blessings and help. Of course, some of us had faced tough times; but, God never stopped loving or taking care of us.

We do not know what this new year will bring. Many people have made plans and new year's resolutions. The same way God also may have plans for us. We can trust God and have a promise from him.

If we take the book of Jeremiah, 29:11-14, God is assuring us by his promise "for surely I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. "Plans for your welfare and no harm, to give your hope." God understands our plans for this new year. He is willing to give us a future and promise not to harm us.

Let us read further, "then when you call upon me and come and pray for me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me. If you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me" says the Lord.

When we call out to him, he is willing to hear us. When we search and seek him, he will help us find him. What more can we want for this new year? God is asking us to seek him with all our heart and faith. Let us go forward into this new year.

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I would like to share a story with you. My family and I traveled 25,000 miles to reach the USA. We did not know our future; but, we trusted the promise that God said to Jeremiah, 29:11-14, and started our new lives. Go helped up to have a wonderful future for me and my family.

I am encouraging all of you to trust God and give him our plans for this new year. He will do the best for us. Let us trust him with all our hearts. :Psalm, 65:11, says, "you crown the earth with your bounty, your wagon trucks overflow with richness." Let us keep this promise and give thanks to God almighty for this new year.

"God almighty, we surrendering ourselves, our family, our works and this new year 2019 into Thy Holy presence, bless us, bless this year, guide us and lead us to walk in this new year everyday. We are praying in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen

Olive Ezekiel
Ministry for Healing



ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum (Sunday School for adults) January 6 begins a six-week study “A New Playlist: Hearing Jesus in a Noisy World”. Jacob Armstrong is the author. A playlist is a guide for a radio or television station on the schedule of playing music or a movie. In our daily life we hear many playlists. Which one are we to follow?

Each lesson features a short video followed by discussion of the issues raised by the video. There is a student book for those who wish to read ahead and prepare three impossible questions for the leaders. Topics are:

January 6/7: Let in the Light.
January 13/14: Who is Your Master?
January 20/21: Do Not Be Afraid.
January 27/28: Rule Followers, Rule Breakers.
February 3/4: The Right Words.
February 10/11: The Power of Connection.

We meet Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am and Monday evenings 7:00-7:59 pm in the room across from the library. Same discussion topic Sunday and Monday but different participants. Leaders are Nancy Clarke, Nancy Rutenber, and Henry Walter. We welcome members and friends of McKownville Church.

Adult Forum!...Put it on your church calendar!



jacobARMSTRONG



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

Given By

In Memory of

In Honor of

Rev. Jim & Ann Bowen	Ingrid Magnussen & Jamie Bowen	
Barbara Cardone	Doris Walter	
Steve & Nancy Clarke	George & Jewell Clarke Charles & Margaret Wilcox Charles & Emily Scott	
The Ezekiel Family	Dr. John D & Sarah Ezekiel Mr. & Mrs. Job D Ezekiel Murian & Thaya Asari	Dr. John Daniel & Sarah Ezekiel Revs. Adam, Black, Raj, & Sekaran Ezekiel
Eugene & Lucy Gee	Loved Ones	
Emma Herendeen	Charles Herendeen	
Patti & Paul Krekeler	Loved ones	
Vicki Lockman	Robert & Joan Blye	
Ruth O'Hare	George O'Hare	
Nan Pullen		Loved ones & Friends
Alan & Nancy Rhodes	Parents & Grandparents	
Barb & Alan		Amy, Rob and Rebecca Robinson
Nancy Rutenber	Stanley & Eva Rutenber	
Arthur & Dakota Stott	Evalyn D'Ambrosio	
Norman & Ellen Swanson	Fabian & Clara Swanson	
The Visker Family		Family & Friends
Flo & Dan Willey	Loved Ones	Loved Ones
Harold & Kerry Ann Williams		Loved Ones
James Walter	Doris Walter	
Henry Walter	Doris Walter	

NORMAN SWANSON, PhD

.....Changes His Artwork

Norman Swanson changed the three pre-Halloween artworks and replaced them with eight new works showing his "realism to abstract" illustrations. These paintings show his talent for different views and techniques that he has created over the years. The area where he has shown his works for several years is located at the top of the stairs, in the loft area to the right, at the entrance of the celebration center.

Norman is a retired mathematics professor who taught three years of high school mathematics and then went to Hudson Valley Community College for almost thirty years. Norman is the artist who painted the Noah's Ark in the nursery school area at the end of the long hallway. Norman's wife, Ellen, and his good friend, Carl Morse, help him change the artworks every two to four months.

Here is one example of his artwork....



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 was held on 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:

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 hand bells 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!

Cupid Cafe

Valentine's Day Dinner February 14th. More details to come....

If anyone is interested in helping on the dinner, there are many openings, no experience necessary, on the job training provided. All are welcome to help.

Also, do you have a card table that could be borrowed to be used at the dinner?

If you would like to help with the dinner, contact any member of the Outreach Team, Jim Bowen, Darcianne Leizer, Todd Nemec, Angela Stott, James Stott, Tricia Stott

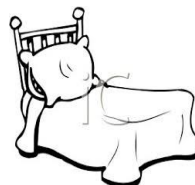


Saturday, February 9th

Here's an opportunity for you to help make a difference! On Saturday, February 9, 2019, members of our church will be participating in a "Bowling for Beds" Bowl A Thon to raise money for the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter in Albany. The event will be held at Del Lanes, 4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar. For more information or to make a donation, please contact: Angela Stott at (518) 221-8643.



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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

Change the Game.....Super Bowl of Caring

The Guilderland Food Pantry relies on food and monetary donations from individuals, local churches, and civic groups. Donations may be dropped at the Food Pantry between 9:30 and 11:00 am Monday - Friday. You may also call for an appointment to drop food at a different time. Call 518-930-1001. Consider joining our annual golf tournament which supports our organization



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 26th 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

LOOKING FOR A PARSONAGE

A number of years ago our Pastor wanted to live in his own home so the Trustees sold the parsonage and the last three pastors have received housing allowances. Pastor Jeff is interested in the church purchasing a parsonage and the trustees have been looking for homes for the past six months without success. We know that many hands make light work and thought many minds would bring great ideas to help the trustees locate a new home for our pastor.

Maybe there is a church member who is no longer able to live in their home and would like to donate or sell it at a reduced price to the church?

Does anyone know of a house (or Townhouse) for sale that would be perfect for Pastor Jeff that you would to suggest we look at? We are hoping for a house with at least three bedrooms in the Guilderland School District at a cost no greater than \$150,000. If you have suggestions to offer, please contact Any of the Trustee and we will pursue the lead. We ask that you pray for guidance and success on this search to help Pastor Jeff truly feel at home in our community.

The Trustees

Proverbs 24:3-4, "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."



Prayer Chain Message

Did you know that McKownville Methodist Church has a "Prayer Chain" available for anyone or anything that is in need of prayer. It was started many years ago by a ladies' organization called Faith Alive. We ask that everyone first call the church office at 456-1148 who then calls Connie Stott as the first in line to be contacted when a prayer is needed. She then calls Marion Leizer and on it goes. There are about ten of us still on the list, but it is time that we opened the "Chain" up to anyone who would like to join us in praying. If you would like to join us, please call the church office at 456-1148 or Connie Stott at 869-1156 or Marion Leizer at 456-0994 and we will add your name to our list.



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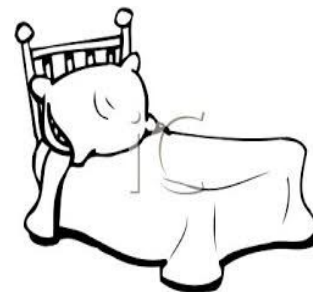
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Homeless and need for additional shelter beds in Albany County continue to be a focus for the Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC). It is our belief that all people, regardless of a person's circumstances and behaviors, have a human right to obtain shelter from deadly weather and dangerous street living. Since 2000, the CACC and First Lutheran Church of Albany have responded to this crisis by providing an Emergency Overflow Shelter with professionally trained staff, operating through the cold weather months, 7 days a week, 12 hours each day.

Children, youth and adults from around the capital region will be participating in the fund-raising event. The event is open to all! Students from Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the University of Albany will be assisting the planning team with hosting this event. Participants will be encouraged to get pledges and work towards our common goal of raising at least \$10,000 towards the work of the shelter.



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JANUARY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>LAY WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
January 6th	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Pauline Martin
January 13th	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Tricia Stott
January 20th	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Matthew Steffens
January 27th	Elizabeth Mensah Pauline Martin	Paul Cullen
February 3rd	To be Determined	Dakota Stott



Greeters/Ushers & Acolyte Coordinator: Stephanie DeVall
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.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

Birthdays

12 – Ken & Jennifer Grupe



- 2 – Beth Berger
- 2 – Karen Tedesco
- 5 – Daniel Dass
- 7 – Vera Lund
- 7 – Pauline Martin
- 7 – Kathryn Braun
- 11 – Patti Krekeler
- 11 – Joshua Scattareggia
- 13 – Marty Markessinis
- 15 – Alexander Burns
- 16 – Bill Colclough
- 16 – Cathy Gee Jurek
- 18 – Ricky Eistertz
- 19 – Ralph Carpenter

- 27 – Lori Jenkins –Davis
- 29 – Angela Stott
- 30 – Jason Davies
- 30 – Michael Shropshire
- 30 – David Martin
- 31 – Tricia Stott
- 31 – Paul Berger



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.

Update on....

Disaster Response Service to Learn Trip to Puerto Rico

Hola! After a day of celebrating, it was time to get to work – and get to work we did! We drove a mile down the road and met Xiomara and started work on her roof. When the hurricane hit they stayed in their home for the first part; then they released the water from the dam and it quickly flooded her home. She “only” had 3 feet of water in her house; others in her neighborhood were totally covered. She quickly moved to her mother’s home because she had two stories and they were safe until the water receded 3 days later. But everything – everything – in her home was destroyed. She has worked hard to get her home back together but has been plagued by a leaky roof. Today we removed all the debris and power washed it to prepare it for a new coating of tar. Below are the stories of three more of our students from today

Once again, I thank you for making this trip possible; we simply could not have done it without you. We’re only on day one and it’s already a life-changing experience for our students. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A reminder you can see more pictures via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!
(The pic below is the team with homeowner Xiomasa .. she’s in the colored shirt and shorts in the middle)



Our Christmas Party



*Here are a couple of photo
from the Christmas party*



*This event was organized
by the Church singles
group.*



Guilderland Food Pantry

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs:

oil
canned fruit
coffee
juice
corn
dish detergent
laundry detergent
cracker snacks for back packs
Dinty Moore prepared dinners

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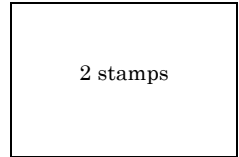
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Have A Blessed New Year!</i>	2 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	3 TOT Hill Gang 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm	4 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	5 A.A. 7:00 am
6 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Praise Team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