### MCKOWNVILLE CHUR CH NEWS



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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."

#### "<u>Our Church Values</u>"

\*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





#### 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

A sign from God or..... A Sign for God?

We are now even closer to our \$25,000 goal! We will keep you informed of upcoming fund raisers.

**CHURCH SIGN** 

**UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY** 

In the back of the sanctuary, you will find draft copies of the Church Directory. Please take one, read it over, and if any changes are necessary please notify the church office at: (518) 456-1148.

### PINE GROVE ROAST PORK DINNER

Saturday, May 18th from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm Pine Grove United Methodist Church, 158 Central Avenue, Colonie, NY Price: \$11 adults; \$5 children 5-12. For reservations call: 518-248-9934 before Tuesday, May 14th.

### <u>SUBMIT PHOTOS</u>

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!

### 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 :

McKownville Church

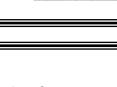


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### LOOKING FOR A PARSONAGE

At the last Leadership Council (LC) meeting, which was held on April 25th, the motion was made to form a Pastor Housing Study (PHS) team. These team members will research, report back, and make recommendations at the

next LC meeting which will be held within the first two weeks in May.



### 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: 518-456-1148 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 Marion Leizer at 456-0994 and we will add your name to our list.



### ADULT FORUM

On Sunday, April 28th, and Monday, April 29th, the Adult Forum will begin "The Salvation of Doctor Who," a four week study written by Matt Rawle, a United Methodist pastor from Louisiana. Topics including questions of identify, time and



### MEMORIAL AND GIFTS CONTRIBUTION NEWS

The committee has recently purchased new kneeling cushions for the altar rail in the sanctuary. Money used had been given to honor or remember various members of the church and it's availability was welcomed as the cushions were old and in disrepair. Funds from our account have also been given to support the purchase of a new sign in front of the

church. Thank you to all of the families and friends who have made these purchases possible. Gifts may be given to honor someone living or deceased by making a donation at any time and specifying its purpose.



# THAT EMPTY FEELING....

We've all had it at one time or another, that empty feeling. We're not in a down mood, but on the other hand, nothing is really leaving us feeling inspired. Sometimes our circumstances can play a role in why we feel that way, maybe the weather, maybe things at school or at work, and sometimes there's just no apparent reason. We just have an empty feeling.

Many times, the events we experience can leave us feeling this way. Could it be the high hopes we had for that new restaurant that we heard so much about, and it just didn't turn out the way we expected? Maybe that dream vacation that didn't quite live up to the hype we gave it while planning it? Or the change in jobs to get that fresh start, only to find out that after a month or two, it seemed like nothing changed but the location of the new office??

Life can leave us feeling empty at times. There's a void that needs to be filled, and we're just not sure where to turn. We can try new things and new adventures, sometimes they help, but even in those times, the feeling may be short lived.

Perhaps we're looking in the wrong places and setting our expectations on events that just won't deliver. The Bible warns us not to put our trust in worldly belongings. And Jesus also very clearly tells us that only He can provide the everlasting feeling of hope and joy. If we drink the water from His well, we will never go thirsty!

Jesus lived a life filled with examples of exactly the opposite of what we would expect from the world. In fact, what was initially thought to be the emptiest feeling imaginable on that first Easter Sunday turned out to be the most fulfilling event ever recorded in history. Yes, on that first Easter, as Mary Magdalene and the two disciples ran to the tomb where Jesus was buried, they found it empty! At first they were shocked and upset, as they didn't know what happened to Jesus' body. But the empty tomb that initially caused that empty feeling, soon became the event that fulfilled Jesus promise to the world. The empty tomb is what fills our hearts today with Jesus' love for us and His promise of eternal life. One empty tomb filled a world of hearts with faith, love and hope.

As we celebrate Easter this year and have a wonderful celebration to end another Lenten season, let's remember that the empty tomb is what will keep us from ever having to have that empty feeling! Turning to the what the world has to offer will never fill the void in our hearts like our Lord can.

As we move past Easter and into the summer months, we know that if we are experiencing that empty feeling, we need only to remember the empty

tomb. Jesus will hear us, and be there to fill the emptiness with His everlasting love.

Have a wonderful spring season,

Dom Perfetti



WELCOME, everyone to our Ministry of Healing and Happy Mother's Day!

I hope you all had a WONDERFUL Easter CELEBRATION AT YOUR HOME. THANKS TO GOD. We are entering a very special month of May, which includes the celebration of Mother's Day. Every mother is unique and special in their own way. Those who deliver children, who adopt children, doing foster care, missing their precious children, mothers who are at hospitals with their sick children, and those who had perhaps lost a child.

We all can remember the love and care of our mothers. There are mothers in our scriptures also. Their faith, love, courageous, unique skills, care for their children were amazing. I want to talk about two mothers how are they connect to todays mothers. Please let us open our bible to the Old Testament. The Egyptian King, Pharaoh, put an order to the midwives stating that "when you serve as midwife to the Hebrew woman, see them upon the birth stool, and if it is a son, you shall kill them. But if it is a daughter she shall live." (Exodus 1;16.) because the Israelites were growing in large numbers then adding to the Egyptian population. The Pharaoh feared over the Israelites may take their Kingdom.

But one Hebrew woman got favor from God almighty and took courage by her faith and love of her son. Her name was Jochebad. In Exodus 2:2-3, the woman delivered a boy baby and she got the mercy from the midwives and kept the boy alive for three months. The power of God almighty defeated the Pharaoh's genocide. After three months when she could no longer hide the baby boy, she made a very critical decision. She got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch, put her baby boy in it and placed it among the reeds on the river brink. We can almost feel her emotion, tears, and love and how she wants somehow to save her baby boy. God also saw her action of courage and hope and God would do some thing to save the boy.

If we look at her action as per our world, the laws would punish her for her action. Jochebad took a great personal risk with the midwives and saved the boy baby. Her faith and love of her son moved the heart of God almighty. If we read further Exodus 1:1-9, the Pharaoh's daughter found the baby boy, accepted as a son, named Moses. He learned the culture of Egypt, skill's as a prince, and had a luxurious life in the Pharaoh's palace. God took Moses out of the palace and put him as a leader of the freedom fighter for the Israelites. He lead 2 million of them out of Egypt and to the promised land.

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The love of a mother is unable to put a price. We all know about the Mother of Jesus Christ. As per Luke 1:26-34, Matthew 2:13-18, speaks to all mothers, about Mary's faith, simplicity, humbleness, sacrifices, love for her holy Child, her dedicated life even before her wedding, courage, and taking risk of her own life. In the period of her days, if a teenage girl, unmarried, would become pregnant, she would be punished in front of the public by being stoned to death. Mary would willingly



accept the plan of the Holy Spirit. She faced tough times to deliver God's son, Jesus Christ. In a remote village of Bethlehem, in an unpleasant smelling manager. Just imagine how uncomfortable it must have been to be in labor among the animals. But she humbled herself to the plan of God; and, she was proud of her son. Finally Mary saw her Son resurrected and living the Lord Jesus Christ. What a marvelous mother, her teaching all the mothers in this world the secret of the true love of a Mother's love.

Let us remember all the mothers around the world, those who adopted children, those who sent their young men and woman to serve for our country's safety, mothers at home, mothers with their sick children, mothers who lost their children, missing children of mothers, let us honor them, wishing them a Happy Mother's Day.

#### Let us Pray:

"Lord, Jesus Christ, bless all the mother' for their love and hard work they give to their families. Pour your love, joy, and peace to them now and forever. Amen.

Olive Ezekiel Minister for Healing



### **IMAGINE THAT!**

### **IMAGINE WHAT?**

### **JUST IMAGINE!**

McKownville United Methodist Church, our church, has a presence at Western Avenue and Church Road. We impact our neighborhood. Our neighbors know we are here. Through our connection with Albany District and Upper New York Annual Conference we are connected to other Methodist churches in New York State and around the world. We influence many of the people who merely drive by. JUST IMAGINE our full influence on this part of the world.

We are called to support our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Our annual Financial Campaign focuses specifically on our gift of money. Each of us should consider thoughtfully the generous gifts we have received from a loving Lord and then show our gratitude by returning a portion to God through the Church. We begin the process of planning for the coming year by asking each to think about a specific commitment toward the work of the Lord through McKownville Church.

Our Campaign, announced in March and ending two weeks after Easter, culminates in a collective presentation of our pledges during worship Sunday, May 5. We will tally the pledges and announce a total on Celebration Sunday, May 12. For a successful campaign, we seek and need the help of every member and friend of McKownville Church.

Our campaign slogan IMAGINE THAT! urges us to think beyond our usual needs. Of course, we must pay our pastor and staff, must have adequate heat, light, educational materials, office supplies, and must maintain our physical facilities. We are frugal in our operation. But what might we do with a little more? IMAGINE new ministries to share Christ with our neighbors. IMAGINE becoming more welcoming. IMAGINE becoming more alive. IMAGINE what additional gifts might do! IMAGINE growing your gift!

This may seem a strange month to make a financial pledge. Many churches have their financial campaign in the Fall. But the Fiscal Year at McKownville Church begins each July 1 and ends the following June 30. We are asking for your financial support for Fiscal Year July 1,2019 through June 30, 2020.

Right now, you can do two things to support this campaign: (1) pray each day for success; (2) consider thoughtfully your response to this appeal in light of God's generosity to you. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus describes how God gives -- good measure for good measure, heaped up, shaken down, refilled to overflowing. The Psalmist said "My cup runs over." IMAGINE abundance! IMAGINE generosity!

While you do these things, don't forget the other ways we are called. Pray often, worship with us Sunday mornings, serve others where you see an unfilled need, and live a life that shows, by example, the presence of the living Christ within you. Friends, let us join in advancing the Kingdom!





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.

Youth2019-Kansas Gity-

McKownville UMC plans to drive our small group of youth to Youth 2019 in Kansas City. We would like to use a 15 passenger van to drive the whole group together because two minivans or SUVs splitting the group up will make the trip less cohesive and meaningful (from passed experiences). But McKownville does not have a church van, nor do they have plans to buy one at this time. So renting seems to be the way to go. But that is a pretty big chunk of change too for a 10 day trip. Maybe there is a church in the district that would be not sending any youth to Y19 with their church van or maybe has one or two youth that would like to go but have no chaperones AND also has a church van. Would you be willing to allow McKownville the use of your van to drive to Kansas City for Youth 2019? Dates of travel are July 8-16.

If there is a church with youth but no chaperone, we could take a couple more with us. We only have 6 youth going with 2 adults and one young adult going as a volunteer. We have room with our group to chaperone extra youth, if you know of them.

Please contact Angela Stott at: @ arthurndakota@verizon.net



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## The Guilderland Food Pantry: Here's Our Story....

Bertie Chesborough felt a calling.

Despite the efforts of the "War on Poverty" launched in the 1960s, it was clear to her that the battle continued. The Great Recession of the 1970s didn't help. As unemployment and inflation rose into double digits, more people fell between the cracks of government service agencies and federal cutbacks. So Bertie took matters into her own hands and began a work that outlived her.

What is now Guilderland Food Pantry (GFP) began in a closet and would become part of the Interfaith Food Council, a group of 10 local churches that banded together to provide assistance to the food insecure in our neighborhoods. Housed in the basement of the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church (HUPC) on Route 20, Bertie and her volunteers joined the nationwide food pantry movement in 1979. Less than 300 pantries existed at that time, according to estimates. Thirty years later, over 30,000 were in operation in all 50 states.

The spirit of the local group was strong and they banned together to sustain hundreds of families, seniors and individuals whose income or circumstances made it hard to put food on the table. Special distributions were added at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. As the numbers served grew, renovations were made at the HUPC to provide added space.

When Bertie transitioned into "retirement," new leadership continued the call to serve, with the Interfaith Council remaining the pantry's backbone. The program was incorporated in 2014 and renamed the Guilderland Food Pantry (GFP). All the while, the number of people seeking assistance in the growing Guilderland community increased and the need for a more suitable space was apparent.

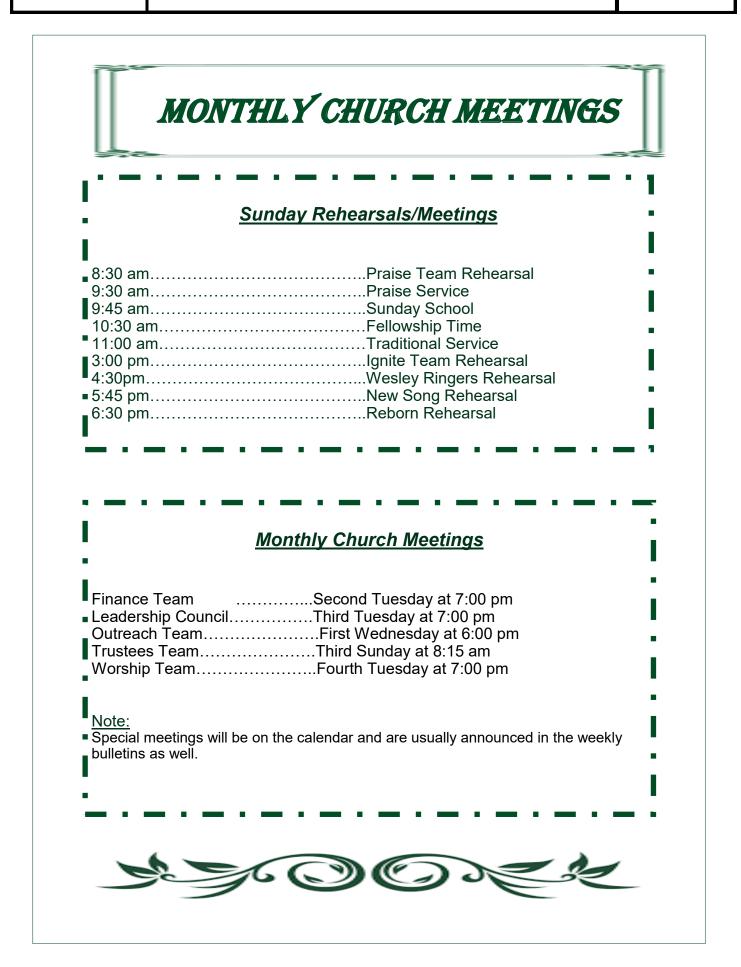
The search for a new home ended with the 2018 relocation of the GFP to Christ's Church in Charles Park. The added space and first floor accessibility was a tremendous improvement for both clients and volunteers.

The generosity of the community through food drives and sponsorship has allowed the pantry to keep pace with the growing needs. Partnerships with schools, businesses and local government has made the GFP a vital part of our community assistance programs.

As we look back on the last 40 years, we realize that our future is built on our past. The foundation is strong and the future is bright. The vision begun by Bertie remains intact and the goal remains the same - that no one in our community should go hungry.

Your part in this tradition of "loving our neighbors as ourselves" is greatly appreciated. Thank you for partnering with us in this effort.

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**Given By** Rev. Jim & Ann Bowen

Steve & Nancy Clarke

Paul & Barbara Cullen Frank M D'Ambrosio

Olive Ezekial

Chris Gould George & Kimberly Janeczko Pastor Jeff Landon Kim LaPointe & Family Thomas Myers Ruth O'Hare Nan Pullen Alan & Nancy Rhodes Angela & James Stott Norman & Ellen Swanson Noreen & Chris VanDoren Nancy Ware Cathy & David Wells

Flo & Dan Willey Harold & Kerry Ann Williams





In Memory of In Honor of Ingrid Magnussen James, Bowen, Jr George& Jewell Clarke Charles & Margaret Wilcox Charles & Emily Scott Joanne and Tom Evalyn A. D'Ambrosio Edwin & June Hall Benjamin & Vera Acome Dr. John & Emily Ezekial Rev's Black, Adam, Mr. Jon & Mary Ezekial Raj and Sekaren Ezekial Loved Ones Martha & George Janeczko Loved Ones Maureen A Barton Mike Lorz George O'Hare My Parents **Our Parents & Grandparents** Arthur & Dakota Fabian & Clara Swanson Van Doren Family 7 great grandchildren Grandparents Wilcox, Clarke, Wells & Blackwell Loved Ones Loved Ones

### MAY DUTIES CALENDAR

DATE	<u>GREETERS/</u> <u>USHERS</u>	LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
May 5th	Todd Nemec & Stephen Clarke	Elizabeth Mensah
May 12th	Carl & Ildra Morse	Paul Scoville
May 19th	Emma Herendeen & Tricia Stott	Matthew Steffens
May 26th	Amy & Chris DeVall	Lynne Daly

**Greeters/Ushers & Acolyte Coordinator:** Stephanie DeVall at (518) 925-0160 **Coffee Hour Coordinator**: Chris Steffens at (518) 608-5300 **Lay Worship Leader Coordinator**: Nancy Rutenber at (518) 456-0412

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

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**

**Birthdays** 

### **Anniversaries**

- 17 Ric & Carol Barre
- 20 Flo & Dan Willey
- 26 Tim & Julia Roske
- 26 John & Wendy Fox
- 30 –John DeFrancisco & Karen Tedesco



- 3 Phyllis Veley
- 3 Michaela DeFrancisco
- 6 Zachary Visker
- 6 Amanda Markessinis
- 6 Arlene Ableman
- 9 -- Jackson Wells
- 9 Peggy Breakell
- 10 Robert Griffin
- 11 Allison Van Doren
- 14 Patrick Braun
- 17 Robert Ezekiel
- 17 Chris Van Doren
- 22 Gail Van Patten
- 24 Moryina Cole

- 26 Barbara O'Neill
- 27 Kathy Bond
- 28 Kerry Ann Williams
- 29 Pat Beauregard
- 29 Ann McCarthy
- 29 Chris Scoville
- 30 Virginia Van Zandt
- 31 Chris Brewer
- 31 Celia DeFrancisco



# MAY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Outreach Team 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	2 TOT Hill Gang 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm	3 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	<b>4</b> A.A. 7:00 am
5 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 Reborn Rehearsal 6:30 pm	6 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. 4:30 pm Yoga 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> Yoga 10:00 am Yoga 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	9 TOT Hill Gang 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm	<b>10</b> Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	<b>11</b> A.A. 7:00 am
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