MCKOWNVILLE CHUR CH NEWS

Articles for the December Newsletter are due by November 15th

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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



Save these Dates!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd, LUNCH WITH FRIENDS is a fairly new activity and we'll continue the pattern of once a month, gathering in the church dining room about 12:30 after worship. Bring your own bag lunch and enjoy eating with old friends and new ones. Consider bringing a guest.





ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Tuesday, November 5th, at the polls at McKownville. Proceeds benefit the Guilderland Youth Group and their programs. Donations of baked goods and gluten free options are needed. Please drop them off in advance of the sale in the kitchen and label FOR BAKE SALE or drop off on Election Day in the Celebration Center.

COMMUNITY KIT ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 10TH

The collection of items for Cleaning/Food Bucket kits and Hygiene kits continues. Donate a few items from the list needed or donate supplies for a whole bucket or whole hygiene kit or donate money to purchase more items. Any help is needed and greatly appreciated. There are ads in papers going out to ask the community for

donations also. Then on November 10th at 1:00pm at church, we will assemble the kits together. Invite your friends and family to come and join the fun. Any Questions, please contact Darcianne Leizer or any member of the Outreach Team.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY - NOVEMBER 24TH



Christmas is coming! Our Sanctuary needs to be ready for Advent. Help decorate the Sanctuary on November 24th after the second service. We will have lunch and then decorate. Please bring a food item to share. If you have any questions, please contact Darcianne Leizer.

Announcements

I LOVE MY CHURCH CAMPAIGN

T-Shirts are still on sale after each service in the back of the sanctuary.



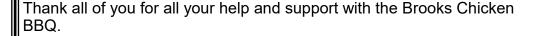
HELP NEEDED!



Pumpkin Pies! Pumpkins are more fragile than one would like to 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!

THANK YOU







<u>PUMPKIN PATCH</u>

THANK YOU to everyone who worked at the Pumpkin Patch! We had a successful month. Stay tuned for final numbers...

VITAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



We will keep you informed of future meetings.

SPAGHETTI DINNERS EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Guilderland Cares will be sponsoring a free spaghetti dinner on every 3rd Wednesday of the month starting Feb 20th from 5-7 at 4 Charles Park (Christ Church Guilderland). For more information please send an email to: Email henn1219@hotmail.com or info@guilderlandchamber.com





DEE CAMPBELL MEMORIAM

In memoriam of Delores (Dee) Campbell and all she did in donating food for our Christmas Angels, we, the Sunday School, and organizers of the Christmas Angel are looking for donations. These items need to be collected for assembly by November 24th. There will be a wrapped box in the back of the sanctuary for contributions beginning on September 18th. The items needed are:

rotisserie chicken boxes

fruit cups

veggie or strawberry boxes

pop tarts

oatmeal packages

candy (hard candy & chocolate candy)

calendars

Bisquick

soup mixes

granola bars

breakfast bars

hot chocolate mix

apple sauce cracker sandwiches

Thank you for continuing the legacy of Dee Campbell.

Share the love,

MUMC Sunday School



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 (518) 456-0994 and we will add your name to our list.

SUMBMIT 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!





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 :

Whether you're a sports fan or not, you've probably heard, and maybe even used the term, "home field advantage." If you haven't heard the phrase in a while, you'll probably hear it around this time of year. Baseball playoffs are in full swing (no pun intended,) and football teams are starting to rack and stack in the standings, looking ahead to the playoffs and the hopes of a home field advantage.



What makes being on your home field an advantage?? There's plenty of research on this. Some attribute it to a psychological advantage, and others think the scales tip more toward the physical benefit of knowing the playing field, the fans, the climate, and in general, a comfort zone of the familiarity ADVANTAGE around you. Let's face it, strange places can be stressful and intimidating. When we step out of our comfort zones, we don't know what to expect.

Unfamiliar surroundings can distract us from the "game" and cause us to focus our attention on the unknown.

You don't have to be an athlete to know the feeling of a home field advantage. There's plenty of other circumstances in life that create the same thoughts and feelings. For example, what about adapting to a new job?? A new school? New neighbors? International business trips? Starting a new career?? How do we stretch our comfort zones and remain steady in a world that constantly moves us from the known to the unknown?

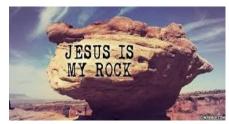
Change can come with many degrees of anxiety and uncertainty; and we all like to feel the comfort of our "home fields." As Christians, we can expand our comfort zones and create our home field advantage no matter where we are. Jesus promises us, as He did with His disciples in the Bible, to go out to lands unknown in His name. We can do the same. Wherever we are, and wherever we go, we can feel the peace, love and comfort of knowing that Jesus is there with us, always and everywhere.

It's natural to worry and feel uncomfortable when we step out of our day to day environment. It's never easy when we're bumped outside of our comfort zones; but to stay as steady as a rock, we simply need to lean on the Rock. Jesus is our Rock, never changing, and always present. His love creates a comfort zone for us, matter where we are.

When it's time to step out of our comfortable routines, and our human nature triggers stress and anxiety, let Jesus take over and calm the waters. With Him in our lives, we'll always have the benefit of a home field advantage.

Prayers for a blessed month,

Dom Perfetti







Welcome every one to our Ministry of Healing. Let us welcome the month of November, 2019. We are going to celebrate Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day this month. We have to offer our thanks for Thanksgiving Day and also for the men and woman who are serving for our Nation's safety as well for us. Without war there is no victory. One of the war was brought victory by the silent action. The book of Joshua in the Bible, Chapters 5 and 6, talks about the silent war near the Jerica. The Israelites were camped and looked at Jerico. "Now

Jerico was shut up inside and outside because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in." (Joshua 6:1)

For the Israelites had no hope to enter or take victory over Jerico. There was a wall around the city blocking the victory. During their fear, hunger, hopeless, and being tired God never kept silent. Joshua was the commander and leader of the Israelites. "Once when Joshua was by Jerico, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. (Joshua 5:13). He replied to Joshua, "Commander of the army of the Lord have come now." (Joshua 5:14)

As per the above scripture maybe not only the army of the Lord came; but, the heavenly troops surrounded the Israelites to help them. If we further read the scriptures, the Lord gave guidance for the silent war. They walked around the Jerico Fort seven times per a day for seven days. On the seventh day, after they completed the seventh walk, they blew the trumpets. The power of God came down and destroyed the wall of Jerico and the Israelites took the victory over Jerico.

"we must obey God rather than any human authority." (Act 5:29). A great victory healed the fear over Jerico by the power of the Lord. The power of God almighty healed the war. On our upcoming Thanksgiving Day, let us remember those who gave their lives for this nation. Offering our thanks for our lives with our families in this Nation.



Let us pray:

God almighty we are offering our thanks to you and glorify your Name. Thank you for all your blessings for us and for our nation. Bless all the veterans and bless all the families around the nation. Help us to follow your commandments and walk with you. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we are praying. Amen

Olive Ezekiel Minister for Healing



Wounded Warrior Project

The Wounded Warrior Project focuses on veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001.



Every warrior has a mission. We know that the transition to civilian life is a journey. And for every warrior, family member, and care giver, that journey looks different.

We are here for their first steps, and each step that follows. Because we believe that every warrior should have a positive future to look forward to. There's always another goal to achieve, another mission to discover. We are their partner in that mission.

We have a display is in the back of the sanctuary. For more information about funding for this project, please contact Olive Ezekiel at: oliezk@aol.com. or speak with her personally after Sunday services.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Meals for the Homeless at the Emergency Overflow Shelter

We are restarting an outreach opportunity to provide a simple meal for people who have no other shelter options in Albany County from November through April, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, starting November 11, 2019.

The Capital Area Council of Churches operates an Emergency overflow shelter at the First Lutheran Church on Western Avenue, Albany, where men, who are turned away from other shelters because they are drug or alcohol impaired and thus have no other shelter options, are provided with simple hospitality including a bed and dinner daily. Although this is the only shelter in Albany that takes in guests who are impaired, other men in the community who are getting back on their feet and looking for or holding down a job, are also spending the night in this shelter. These men are truly thankful for a warm bed on a cold winter night and a hearty meal provided by volunteers.

You can help these men in need by signing up to provide meals that will serve between 20-25 people. The meals need to be dropped off warm between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. at the shelter or earlier that day, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and the staff will reheat. You can sign up to make and deliver the food on your own or we can gather together in the church kitchen on Sunday nights to make the food to be dropped off the next day. A sign-up sheet with information about what to provide and where to deliver, together with disposable pans for your use will be provided in the back of the sanctuary.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17.

Noreen VanDoren

Youth 2019

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 7:00 pm (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.



<u>November Meetings</u>

(All Sunday meetings are at 7:00 pm unless noted)

Saturday, November 12th

• Pumpkin Pie Baking at Voorheesville United Methodist Church will start at 9:00 am and should finish up around 1:00 pm.

Conference Council of Youth Ministries will host is Youth Autumn Celebration at McKown-ville November 8-9 (LOCK IN OVERNIGHT!). The theme for this event is a **Journey to God.** Music, Worship, Workshops, Games and Late Night Options!!! Open to grades 7-12. Advance Registration required. Please see Angela Stott or call 518-221-8643 to register.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wrapped Christmas boxes will be available October 13th 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 instruc-

tions regarding the cost of shipping. Please remember to put a rubber band around the box when you return it.

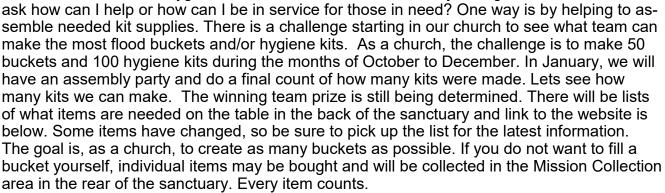
If you want to help out, but are unable to fill a box yourself, you can drop off some items to contribute toward filling boxes in the laundry basket in the back of the sanctuary and the Youth Group will put together additional boxes. All boxes must be returned no later than November 17th. Our goal is to provide 100 children with boxes of love, joy and the message of Christ. We hope you can help us meet that goal.

Boxes are due to be returned on Sunday, November 17th, to be blessed during worship. Thank you! ~ The Guilderland Youth Group.



TEAM BUCKET CHALLENGE

It is peak hurricane season and flood buckets AKA cleaning kits and hygiene kits are needed. After a storm, you might



https://unyumc.org/mission/umcor-supply-list

Guilderland Food Pantry Needs

15 oz. can of pumpkin laundry detergent Stovetop stuffing mix dish soap canned creamed corn snacks canned corn regular canned fruit

small can of French-fried onion rings

cooking oil



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

CHRISTMAS CAFE





Happy Fall Y'all~Sunday School is in full swing. We currently have 1 teacher for EACH grade level (although more would be GREAT). This would allow the current teachers to not worry when they are sick or have to go out of town for business/family emergencies.

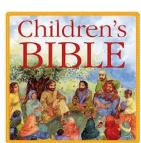
The Preschool room has had fun exploring what a Bible is, what the rules of the classroom as well as the 10 commandments and had explored through play and videos. They all LOVE those Veggie Tale classics.

The K-5 room has continued their study of Exodus and Moses! We had fun creating our edible "plague soup", got in by midnight in our dark houses after using red markers to cover the door to let God know whose people we were, and had fun separating the Red Sea. Halloween parties are always a hit! In November we will continue to explore Exodus and Moses as well as a lesson on being Thankful and learning OUR mission with the Operation Christmas Child boxes!

The Middle School and High School classes have begun their journeys together.

We anxiously await the Advent season...stay tuned for details!

If you would like more details about how you can volunteer your time and talents in the Sunday School please feel free to contact Kim Keane at KimKeane04@gmail.com





DIRECTOR OF GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY NEEDED

The directors of the food pantry have decided to step and the Guilderland Food Pantry is looking for a new director. See the below job opening for more details:

JOB OPENING/Executive Director of the Guilderland Food Pantry Part-time position. Responsibilities include overseeing the operations of the pantry, training all staff, fund raising and communications. If you are interested email:

guildfoodpantry79@gmail.com



BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT ON PARSONAGE PURCHASE PROPOSAL

As has been reported in previous newsletters, there has been an interest in the possibility of purchasing a parsonage for our minister. This was originally considered by the Trustees in June of 2018 and was reported to Leadership Council. As a result of the Trustees investigation we learned that in order for a parsonage purchase to be proposed there are many steps that needed to take place.

First, a Pastor Study Housing Team needed to be formed that could do the following: analyze the church and community, project potential membership with an average of attendance, write up the church's program of ministry and research the church's desire to move forward with a purchase. This report was sent to the District conference where it was approved for further steps. The committee then went to Leadership Council and reported that in order to move forward with the investigation into the need and practicality of a parsonage a Building team would need to be elected.

In June of 2019 the Building team for the McKownville United Methodist church was formed through a vote during a Church Conference. For the next 3 months this team used conference standards to look at actual numbers, investigated potential lending institutions, analyzed costs and compared housing allowances versus parsonage costs, practicality, necessity and compliance. At the September Leadership Council meeting the Building Committee presented their findings to Leadership Council. The general consensus of the Building Committee was that an owned parsonage was more economical, more stable and better suited to the needs of our minister our future ministers and our church.

As in any big decision, there are always pros and cons. The committee feels that the pros far outweigh the cons. So what's next? The Building committee has submitted their findings to the District Conference Board of Trustees for review. If the report is accepted, the building committee will be asking for a church conference to vote on accepting the proposal. If the proposal is accepted, the committee will begin actively searching for a property. Once found we would need to send all the information on the property back to the District Council Board of Trustees and again ask for a vote from a church conference. The Building Committee is always happy to answer any questions that you may have about their findings, the process and our recommendations.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of its members. Please pray for us as we work on this proposal.

Kelly Visker, Susan Burns, Paul Scoville, Noreen VanDoren, James Stott, Nancy Rhodes, and Diane Steffens.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Lessons & Carols

- Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 4:00 pm
- Christ the King Church on Sumter Avenue Guilderland, NY
 - Music by adult, youth and hand bell choirs
- Readings by clergy from ten Guilderland Churches
 - Offerings to benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry







Monthly Meetings

Finance Team Second Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Leadership Council......Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Outreach Team.....First Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Trustees Team....Third Sunday at 8:15 am
Worship Team.....Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm



Note

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

NOVEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

DATE	GREETERS/ USHERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	
November 3	Abigail & LeLaina Beauregard	Henry Walter	
November 10	Carl & Ildra Morse	Frank D'Ambrosio	
November 17	Dorothy Ellinwood Frank D'Ambrosio	Nan Pullen	
November 24	Stephen Clarke	Nancy Rhodes	



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.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

<u>Anniversaries</u> <u>Birthdays</u>

- 6 James & Angela Stott
- 6 John & Debra Sitterly
- 8 Charles & Beverly Davies
- 8 -- Marcie and Eric Mastrogiovanni
- 15 Norman & Ellen Swanson



- 1 Charles Wager
- 1 Diane Steffens
- 2 Nancy Pullen
- 2 Debra Sitterly
- 3 Patrick DeVall
- 4 Lisa Templin
- 5 Charles Davies
- 7 David Bruner
- 7 Matthew Shropshire
- 9– Ruth O'Hare
- 10 Olive Ezekiel
- 11 Frank D'Ambrosio
- 11 Julia Roske
- 15 Tom O'Hare
- 18 Donna Markessinis

- 18 Nicholas Scolaro
- 19 Ashlyn Van Buren
- 20 Georgianna Belus
- 21 Ildra Morse
- 25 Ed Cole
- 25 Laura Hoenig
- 25 Leo Hoenig
- 28 Carl Morse
- 30 Todd Nemec



NOVEMBER 2019



				Thanksgiving		
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	2 A.A. 7:00 am
3 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Praise Team 3:00 pm Wesley Ringers 4:30 pm NewSong 5:45 pm Reborn Rehearsal 6:30 pm	4 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	5 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm	Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Outreach Team 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	7 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	8 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	9 A.A. 7:00 am
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Insurance: Nancy Pullen

Furniture: Kelly Visker

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Leadership Council: Paul Krekeler, Team Leader

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Evangelism through Outreach: Darcianne Leizer,

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Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

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