

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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*Love God, Follow Jesus and
Pass it On*

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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!

CONFIRMATION 2020!

McKownville UMC will be holding a confirmation class for students age 11+ who are curious about membership in the United Methodist Church. We will be holding a Parent Information meeting on February 9th for any family interested in learning more. The program has a mentor component of study – the student and the mentor working individually (as a pair actually) to exploring topics more deeply than offered in group at their own interest and curiosity level. Additionally, students will be given worksheets to bring home and look at with their parents as part of the new family study component! We are so excited to be able to offer an opportunity for parents to explore confirmation together with their confirmation students! This is a 15 session program, we anticipate offering the candidates to be confirmed in June. We also anticipate hosting a retreat in May to explore what comes next as a member of the United Methodist Church. As part of that discussion and program we will participate in a service project together.



If you are interested in being a mentor for this program, or if you have a student you would like to discuss enrolling in the program, please contact Pastor Jeff or Angela Stott.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Your next opportunity to converse and have lunch with friends will be on Sunday, February 9th, after the 11:00 am service. Just bring your own bag lunch. All are welcome! We gather in the dinning room soon after the 11:00 am worship.



That day, if you wish to go to the Guilderland Library for their 2:00 pm concert, you can hear Heavenly Echoes, a gospel quartet.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

I would like to announce the SOUP-er Bowl Of Caring 2020, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd.

A collection of cash and non-perishable food items will be taken during both worship services. The collection will be donated to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Look for soup kettles in the back of the sanctuary.

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.



Announcements

ASH WEDNESDAY

- The season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 26th.
- A worship service will be held at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.
- All are welcome.



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.



CLEANING KITS AND HYGIENE KITS UPDATE

The Cleaning kits or Flood Bucket and Hygiene kit collection for the last three months has finished. There were 6 cleaning buckets and 28 Hygiene kits collected and assembled. These kits will be delivered to the Upper New York Conference Mission Central Hub.



Thank you to all who donated.



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 :

<https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch>



20/20 VISION

Did we all set our goals and resolutions for the New Year. *What do we want to accomplish? What do we want to say about this year one year from now?? Do we have a 2020 vision???* Did we take the time to think about what our vision would be for the year, or do we let the year kind of happen to us? Looking ahead to another year, and new decade can be both exciting and scary. We have hopes and plans, but we can also have our reservations on whether or not things will go as expected.



A 2020 vision,..., an interesting concept. It suggests we have a vision for the year that's sharp and clear. 20-20 vision is our benchmark standard for our eyesight. *But how many of us have it?* It seems like most of us need some type of corrective lenses for either distance or near to see things clearly.

As we begin the New Year, how do we look ahead and see the things we need to see? None of us can predict the future, but we can look through the proper "lenses" to begin to see our world more clearly. *How do we see things clearly?* For those of us that wear corrective lenses, we know that a very skilled and educated doctor examined our eyes to exactly match our eyesight to a set of lenses that allow us to see. Personally, I'm thankful everyday for the technology that allows me to wear contact lenses to correct my extremely poor vision; and see the world around me with sharpness and clarity. The lenses don't allow us to see the future, but they do allow us to see far enough ahead to make it to our destination.

Perhaps our 2020 vision for the New Year can work the same way. If we're not quite sure what decisions we should make, or feel that we just can't see far enough ahead to avoid the anxiety and apprehension that can often come with the unknown; it may be because we're just not using the proper lenses to see. Just as our eye doctors provide us with the exact prescription for us to see our physical world clearly, Jesus provides us with the perfect lenses to view our world and navigate every situation that comes our way. Yes, Jesus is our role model, already knows our future, and encourages us to put our full hope and faith in Him, so that He can direct our lives and send His Spirit to us to show us the Way ahead.

We often cannot see beyond the next turn, but Jesus can. And when we live our lives by Faith and not by sight, we will have *2020 vision* for the rest of our lives; to see us through the good times and the challenges of this world, and into eternity with our Lord and Savior.

If we feel we're starting the New Year with a somewhat blurry and unclear vision, we simply need to ask Jesus to help us see our world as He did, and His Work provides us with the lenses we need to see ourselves and others in a different way.

This year let's follow Jesus, with Him in the Lead, we'll have a perfect *2020 Vision*.

*Have a happy and blessed New Year,
Dom Perfetti*



Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. First, I would like to give my humble thanks to all who read our newsletters. Before I started preparing this message for the newsletter, as usual, I took some time for my prayers and asked the Lord, Jesus Christ, to guide me and give me the message to share the people of God.

I got an amazing guidance, so I am sharing the message to all the readers. Please open your bible and read the following scripture before read the message:

Matthew 2:1,9, 10, 11, "wise men from the east ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over a place where the child was. (2:10)" When they saw that the star was stopped they over whelmed with joy."

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother and they knelt down and paid his homage. then opening their treasure chest, they offered him, GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, and MYRRH."

History states that the wise men were "Magi's", and, they were kings from the far countries. Who are they? What were their names? What were the names of their countries? Every one of us knows the hymn, "We Three Kings of Orient Are." In the year of 1857, the hymn was written and made into music by JOHN HOPKINS Jr. He gave answers for all the above question's in this hymn.

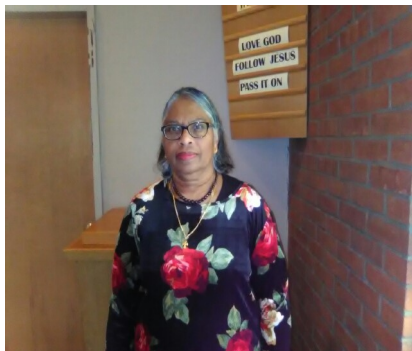


About these three kings , the gospel of Matthew states, but not in other gospels of Mark, Luke and John. The three Kings are connected to the future of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and his ministry. The three kings were also astrologists and used the appearance of the stars with mathematical calculations, which enabled them to understand the signs and predictions of the signal of the birth of an important figure.

These Magi's were not only religious leaders' but, part of governing Elite and Allies of Rome. They traveled from Indi-Parthian, Arabia and Saba. They were different age groups between 60, 40, and 20. Their names are, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. They brought not only the gifts to the child; but, they were the first Gentiles who believed in our Lord and his birth to the world. Theses three kings left their nations, and fearlessly traveled to offer their faith and gifts to the Holy Child.

What are we learning from them? Our position is not important, but be humble to the Lord and offer ourselves as a gift. The three kings traveled through the wilderness and they never feared about their travel. They focused on the star which was guiding them. Are we focusing on the star of our Lord, Jesus Christ? Are we including our life journeys with him? Instead of waiting, we can ask the Lord, Jesus Christ, to help us on our journey everyday?

I will continue this message in next month's newsletter. Let us join our minds and hearts, and pray: ***"God Almighty, help us to feel your Holy presence and guide us to be closer to you. Lead us to submit our prayers into thy hands. Heal us and bless us in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen."***



Olive Ezekiel,
Minister of Healing

ADULT FORUM



The Lenten Study for Adult Forum, RENOVATE, begins March 1/ March 2. The Sunday morning group meets at 9:30 am and the Monday evening group meets at 7:00 pm in the room across from the Library. This study is based on the story of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem following return from exile (told in Nehemiah, Chapters 1-6). The focus is on our need for personal renovation to remove remnants of sin and get us back to moving on to perfection. Weekly topics are :

1. Never Too Late for a Renovation
2. Crying and Building
3. What to Know Before You Build
4. When Others Don't Like Your Plans
5. Inviting Others to Come Home
6. The Big Reveal

Video leader is Jacob Armstrong, pastor of Providence United Methodist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Discussion follows a short video presentation. We welcome all adult members and friends. Audience participation to the extent each feels comfortable. *See you soon!*

YELLOW BOX: The yellow box in the rear of the sanctuary is open for business! Adult Forum studies from past times are now available to members for personal review. Study materials include a student text, short video presentation, and a leader's guide. Each course is contained in a large plastic bag with a sliding closure to keep all the materials together. These are available for short term borrowing at a self-service library. Select a course of interest and sign the card. When you are finished, return the materials to the yellow box and cross out your name. In addition to the Sunday studies, there are books on a variety of topics touching on religion. Browse, borrow, enjoy, return. It is as simple as that....



Youth 2020

YOUTH GROUP

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.

MEETINGS

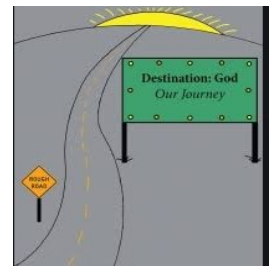
All Sunday meetings are held at 7:00 pm unless indicated otherwise.



ATTENTION YOUTH!!

Registration for Outward is now open!

- You can find the registration info on the CCYM page, which is on the UNY conference website.
- Please note that Outward is earlier than usual this year
- The dates are: MARCH 13-15!



OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS CAFE UPDATE..

In addition to the fun games, great music and fellowship, the Christmas Cafe raised \$175. The generous donations are being distributed:

\$100 is being given to Voice of the Martyrs. Their mission is serving persecuted Christians through practical and spiritual assistance, and leading other members of the body of Christ into fellowship with them. If you want more information the website is <https://www.persecution.com/>

\$75 is being given to Koinonia Primary Care, Inc. Their mission is to provide compassionate, high quality, patient-centered healthcare, in a faith-based environment, to the underserved in New York's Capital Region. If you would like more information the website is <https://koinoniapc.org/>



PARSONAGE COMMITTEE



On Sunday January 26th, a Church Conference was held to vote on the proposed purchase of a parsonage. The Building Team is happy to announce that the vote passed 49 to 7. While this is a great step forward towards providing a home for our Pastors (both current and future) and their families, there is still much to be done.

The team will now begin the process of fund raising and searching for a home. Church Teams will be asked to think about events that they could host to help raise money towards the purchase. These events could be in the form of a dinner, a book or bake sale, a car wash or any other idea that each team comes up with.

Additionally, we will be looking for support from the congregation. Currently we have several members who have approached the team offering pledges which total \$75,000. We are so blessed to have this support and we are hoping that others will pray-fully consider donating towards the parsonage.

The Building Team is excited to be on this journey with you all and ask for your support and prayers as we move forward with this project.

If you have any questions or would like to make a one time donation to the Parsonage please see any member of the Building Team.

Kelly Visker, Paul Scoville, James Stott, Nancy Rhodes, Sue Burns, Noreen Van Doren, & Diane Steffens



Meals for the Homeless at the Emergency Overflow Shelter

We are continuing our outreach opportunity of providing warm meals for 25 men staying at the Capital Area Council of Churches' Emergency overflow shelter at the First Lutheran Church in Albany every second, fourth and fifth Monday through April 2020. Blessings to all who have signed up to provide a meal on your own. We still have six days open and are looking for people to meet us in the church kitchen for fellowship and preparation of the meals at 2:00 in the afternoon on the following Sundays: December 22, January 12, February 9, March 8 and 29 and April 26.

If you are interested in helping to make the meal, contribute to the cost of the food or do the shopping, please speak with me at church or call or text me at 518-588-3009 to let me know of your interest. I want to make sure we have just enough helping hands during each session so that everyone is kept busy.

By:
Noreen VanDoren



“Bowling – For – Beds”

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Cornerstone Campus Ministry will be hosting the annual “Bowling for Beds” Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter in Albany. The event will be held at Del Lane, 4 Bethlehem Court in Delmar and will include: 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza & soda and lots of prizes and other “free-bees” donated by businesses and community organizations. McKownville UMC will have a team bowling 2:30 – 4:30 pm. If you are interested in joining a bowling team, please see Angela Stott ASAP to reserve a spot. A limited number of spaces are available. A minimum of \$25 in pledges is required to participate.

Homelessness and the 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 as sponsor and First Lutheran Church of Albany as host 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.

We encourage everyone to plan now to participate in this event that will help us continue the work of the shelter through the coming winter months. As in the past, the event is open to ALL ages – children, youth and adults! Students from Cornerstone Campus Ministry at the University at Albany will be assisting the planning team with hosting the 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.



FOR



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Guilderland Food Pantry

Pantry Needs:

juice boxes	snacks
canned fruit	paper towels
toilet paper	detergent
dish soap	prepared meals

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

Location

**Guilderland Food Pantry
4 Charles Park Boulevard
Guilderland, NY 12084
Phone: 518-930-1001**



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

**MEETING
REMINDER**

Note:

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

FEBRUARY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
February 2	Dakota Stott & Angela Stott	Kelly Visker
February 9	Emma Herendeen & Bob Griffin	Paul Scoville
February 16	Emma Herendeen & Frank D'Ambrosio	Dakota Stott
February 23	Linda Faulkner & Stephen Clarke	Jacqueline Kim



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.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 – Bart & “T” Stillman

4 – Jessica Neitzel

24 – Darlene Pompeii

10 – Danielle Klahr

25 – Susan Pett

14 – Adrianna DeVall

26 – J. Donald Smith

14 – Joe Shanley

15 – Suzie Weis

18 – Denise Francus



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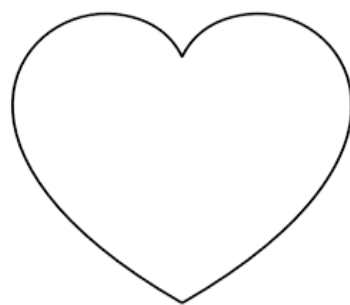
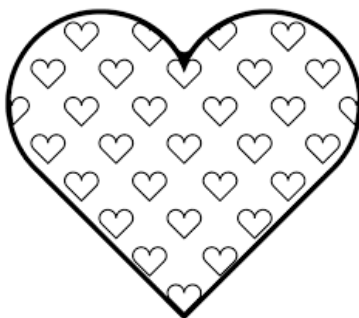
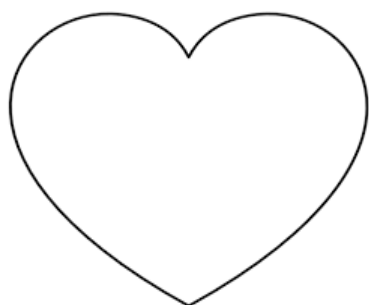
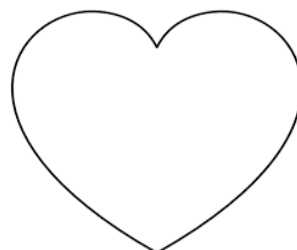
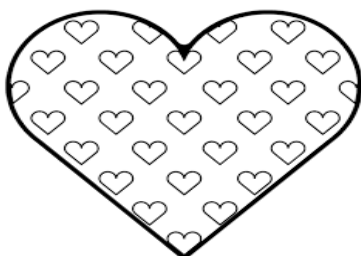
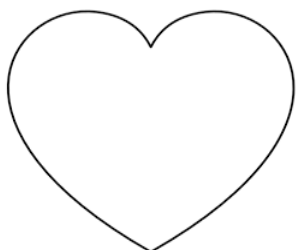


Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 A.A. 7:00 am
2 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am * (See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)	3 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	4 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm	5 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	6 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	7 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	8 A.A. 7:00 am
9 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am * (See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)	10 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	11 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm	12 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	13 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	14 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	15 A.A. 7:00 am
16 Trustees Team 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am * (See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)	17 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	18 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm	19 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	20 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	21 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	22 A.A. 7:00 am
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***Sunday rehearsal times are as follows:**

3:00 pm Ignite Rehearsal
4:30 pm Wesley Ringers
5:45 pm New Song Rehearsal
6:30 pm Reborn Rehearsal

Activity Page



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Nancy Rhodes

Leases & Legal Affairs: Noreen Van Doren

Grounds & Planned
Maintenance: Tom Myers

Insurance: Nancy Pullen

Furniture: Kelly Visker

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Team Leader

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