

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

*Love God, Follow Jesus and
Pass it On*

ARTICLES INSIDE

Easter Services

April 5, Palm Sunday - 9:30 am & 11:00 am

April 9, Holy Thursday - 7:30 pm

April 10, Good Friday - 7:30 pm

April 12, Easter Sunday, at 9:30 am & 11:00 am

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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.**

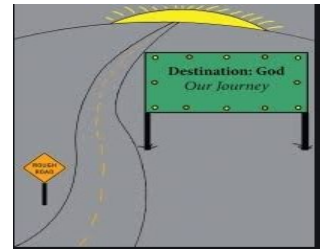
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Save these Dates!

ATTENTION YOUTH!!

Registration for Outward is now open!

- You can find the registration information 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!



LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

On Sunday, March 22nd, we plan to gather for our monthly Lunch with Friends. Bring your own lunch and meet up in the dining room after 2nd service. Everyone is invited. At 2 p.m. that day at Guilderland Library you have an opportunity to attend the free Sunday concert. We will hear BLIND CROW. It's a string quartet and blend of fiddle, mandolin, guitar, bass, and vocals.



In February we truly enjoyed HEAVENLY ECHOS. They rocked the library.

SPRING CLEAN UP

On Saturday, April 25th, there will be teams formed to rake and spring clean the yards of Seniors in Guilderland that need the help. The more people who can help the more people we can reach. Consider joining one of the teams. *More information will be shared in future publications.*



Announcements

UMCOR

UMCOR Sunday will be celebrated on March 22, 2020. UMCOR Sunday calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. UMCOR Sunday reaches children, families, and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster. Please give generously.



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 three days: 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.

Noreen VanDoren



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.



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>



RIGHT NOW!!

URGENT

Right now!... the words of an urgent need. Urgent situations require these words. Emergency aid can't wait, supplies and actions are needed right now! We live in a world that is getting more and more being a right now place to live. Business transactions are faster than ever, the internet gives us real time information, and with on-line shopping, we truly can get many of the things we need (or want) right now!

Suppliers are sending trucks on the road loaded with the most frequently purchased items, so when an order is placed, trucks can deliver the product within hours directly to our homes. We've also heard about drone technology and how they are expected to pick up individual orders and fly them directly to our doorsteps. Yup, there's no doubt about, we live in a right now world, and we can get frustrated when things take longer than we had anticipated. Having speedy service is now the norm, and to compete in our fast-paced environment, companies with the fastest service are the ones that succeed.

This right now culture we live in can be convenient; but can also wear us down. Will there be an end to it? Probably not, our competitive world will constantly seek and find ways to improve technology, quality and speed to customers. It seems like we either keep up with the constant pace of change, or we get left behind dealing with products and services that are obsolete.

Sometimes we need to find a little peace and quiet, a place to relax, recharge our batteries, and get at least a short time away from the right now pace. From ancient times to present, we've always had demands on our time. When Jesus walked the earth, His time was in great demand, and followers had little patience in waiting to see Him. Those who believed in His healing powers wanted to see Him right now in their day. And even He needed time for peace, quiet and prayer.

*take
time
for
yourself*

We will always live in an ever-changing and fast paced world; it's become an aspect of our lives that we simply need to accept and manage. And when we need that badly needed break, the One to turn to is Jesus. Opening our hearts and minds to our Lord through prayer will provide us with those desperately needed moments of peace we need to recharge and get back on the human racetrack! The stronger our relationship is with Jesus, the more we will feel His calming and peaceful presence.

Lent is just around the corner, and the Lenten Season is always a good opportunity to set aside time for Jesus. But we don't even have to wait that long. We all know that Jesus is always "on the ready" to hear from us, regardless of the hour, day or season.

If we're ever wondering when the best time is to reach out to our Lord to ask Him for his comforting and peaceful love, the answer is, well,, Right Now!!!

Thoughts and prayers for the Lenten Season,
Dom Perfetti



Healing Ministry

Welcome again to our Healing Ministry. I am continuing the message from last month about the three kings and their travel plans. These Magi's travels were unique and had the hidden meaning of faith and unity. Magi from three different countries and cultures united for the travel as one heart, and one mind; and, they never gave up their travel plans. They reached the place where the Holy Family and the Baby Jesus were. King Caspar gave a gift of gold, which AU is the symbol of. Gold is bright reddish yellow, soft, and dense. Gold was to crown Him as Heavenly King, as well as born in the blood line of King David.

The Magi, Balthazar, gave the gift of frankincense. This is an aromatic resin for perfume from Boswellina trees. Frankincense can even be used today for prayers, incense, and the symbol of Divine. The Holy Baby Jesus is going to be divine, prayer filled, and would dedicate his life for us.



The Magi, Melchior, offered the gift of myrrh. Myrrh is like a gum resin that comes from the thorny tree called the Commiphora genus. It is useful for medicine, incense, and can also be mixed with wine as a drink. Myrrh represents how the Holy Baby Jesus is going to be crowned with a thorny crown and would be used later after the crucifixion and before placing him in a tomb.

The other history says that the gift of gold was stolen by the two thieves who were crucified with our Lord. These magi's were teaching us to focus on our Lord, just like the star in the sky that they followed on their journey. He will lead us in the right direction. Look carefully and search for Him. Many false prophets will come into our journey of life; but, just trust and follow Him. Preparing a gift for him is to surrender to him totally. I would like to share how my tear-filled prayer was answered.

One night, before the Christmas of 2019, I was very burdened because of financial difficulties; and, I accepted the Lord during this very hard time in my life. Though I was born and grew up in a house full of gold, silver, and diamonds, (my parents were another generation in the business of gold, diamond and silver), they refused to offer a part for me because of I took Christ in my life. My husband's family was also very highly educated, had ordained ministers, and rail road officers in their families. But they denied to offer a part because I was not born in a Christian generation. On that particular night, I was kneeling and crying and said in my prayer, " Lord Jesus, you are my father, you took me out of a family filled with gold and silver. You know our difficulties. I am wondering how the three kings brought the gifts that they needed and gave to Joseph and Mary. Remember me and help me. I obeyed your word; and, I never took any thing from parents. Show me your love and that you will take care of my financial difficulties."



Healing Ministry

After this prayer, I went to bed and feel asleep. On December 24th, 2019, on Christmas Eve, we went to our older son's home. My daughter-in-law and my son gave a gift and said, "We saw this gift we said this is for my mom." I opened it and became speechless and shocked. It was a rectangular burgundy colored box. The outside words were painted in pure 24 karat gold along with the three kings gift and the picture of them." I opened the box and inside there were three beautiful small wooden jars made by the olive tree. One has pure 24 Karat gold pieces, the second one has frankincense like a small stones, and the third one had myrrh. I felt that his voice was saying, "Look, I received the same gift and now I am giving it to you."

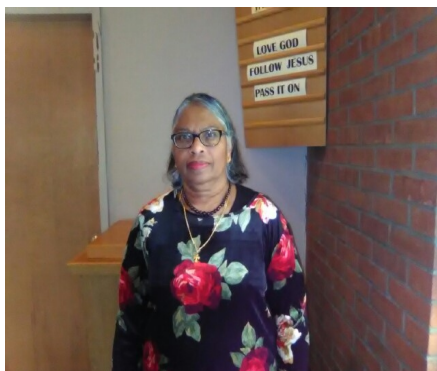


I was shocked; but, I got the answer from the Lord, Jesus Christ:

- * He is saying to me to receive this gold and I will take care of your finances,
 - * Continue your prayers and give it to me just like the frankincense, and
 - * Though your difficulties are like the thorny tree, I am in your life just like the myrrh.
- I took the thorny crown to be with you and save you.

All of my life experiences with the Lord, Jesus Christ, are amazing and miracle filled.

Let us pray: "Loving Lord, God almighty, thank you for the gift of you in our life. Give us the wisdom and knowledge to see the wonders in your word every day. We give all our needs into thy hands. Accept it and help us as needed, and help us to continue to follow our journey with you. Shine upon us just like the star which was guided the three kings to reach you. Give us one heart and one mind to unite our faithful journey and also to reach to you in our lives. Thank you for all your help for us. In your Son's name, Jesus Christ, we are praying. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing



The Lenten Study for Adult Forum, RENOVA TE, 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!

Please note: There will be no Adult Forum meeting on Easter Sunday.

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 2019

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.

Reminder!



Mission Opportunities

CARING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

How do you want to be a Christian presence in someone's life? In an effort to plan opportunities to help others and ensure there is interest, there is a form in the back of the sanctuary, asking what areas might be of interest to you. There will be opportunities to help people. For example, in the form cooking meals, to sorting clothes, to doing yard work, or donations. Please fill out a form.

- You don't have to be a member of the Outreach Team, and
- You don't have to be a church member or a church attendee.

Thank you for your support in this community effort.

HELPING HANDS



FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Special Notice!

Our Financial Campaign / Pledge Drive for the coming Fiscal Year (July 2020 through June 2021) will be led by Pastor Jeff and Thomas Myers with the support of the Finance Team. The Campaign begins Sunday April 19 and concludes Commitment Sunday May 17 with submission and blessing of pledges.

A pledge is a commitment to share part of your financial resources towards supporting the mission of the United Methodist church in Guilderland, in New York, and throughout the world. It is a part of Jesus' charge to each of us that we share our time, our talents, our treasure, and our witness to make the world a better place.

Pledges are also important in that they comprise the largest component of revenue to the church. As such, they are critical to the Finance Team and other church teams for building a sustainable budget for the operation and maintenance of the church and its programs in the coming year.

If you are not now pledging, please consider doing so. If you already are pledging, thank you and please continue!



EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS

Please make your **checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church and mail to Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084**, or hand them to Angela after church. Please do not send cash.

Deadline is March 22, 2020

_____ \$11.25 Lily
 _____ \$23.00 Azalea
 _____ \$12.25 Mum _____ Yellow _____ White _____ Lavender
 _____ \$9.00 Hyacinth _____ Purple _____ Pink
 _____ \$9.00 Tulip
 _____ \$19.00 Hydrangea



Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Guilderland Food Pantry

Pantry Needs:

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

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
Visuals Team.....	First Sunday at 2:30 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.

MARCH DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
March 1	Dorothy Ellinwood & Pauline Martin	Cathy Wells
March 8 (Daylight Savings)	Tricia Stott & Angela Stott	Lynne Daly
March 15	Linda Faulkner & Todd Nemec	Thomas Myers
March 22	Carl Morse & Ildra Morse	Jacqueline Kim
March 29	Abigail Beauregard & Lelaina Beauregard	Julie Crossman



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.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
to celebrate this month



Birthdays

1 – Casey O'Hare
2 – Pam Weis
7 – Nancy Clarke
7 – Terry O'Neill
8 – Christopher Visker
9 – Doreen Moore
9 – Marguerite Quintyne
12 – Candace Goodman

16 - Jacqueline Kim
17 – John Fox
18 – Brian Liotta
23 – Connie Stott
27 – Beverly Davies
29 – Jennifer Grupe



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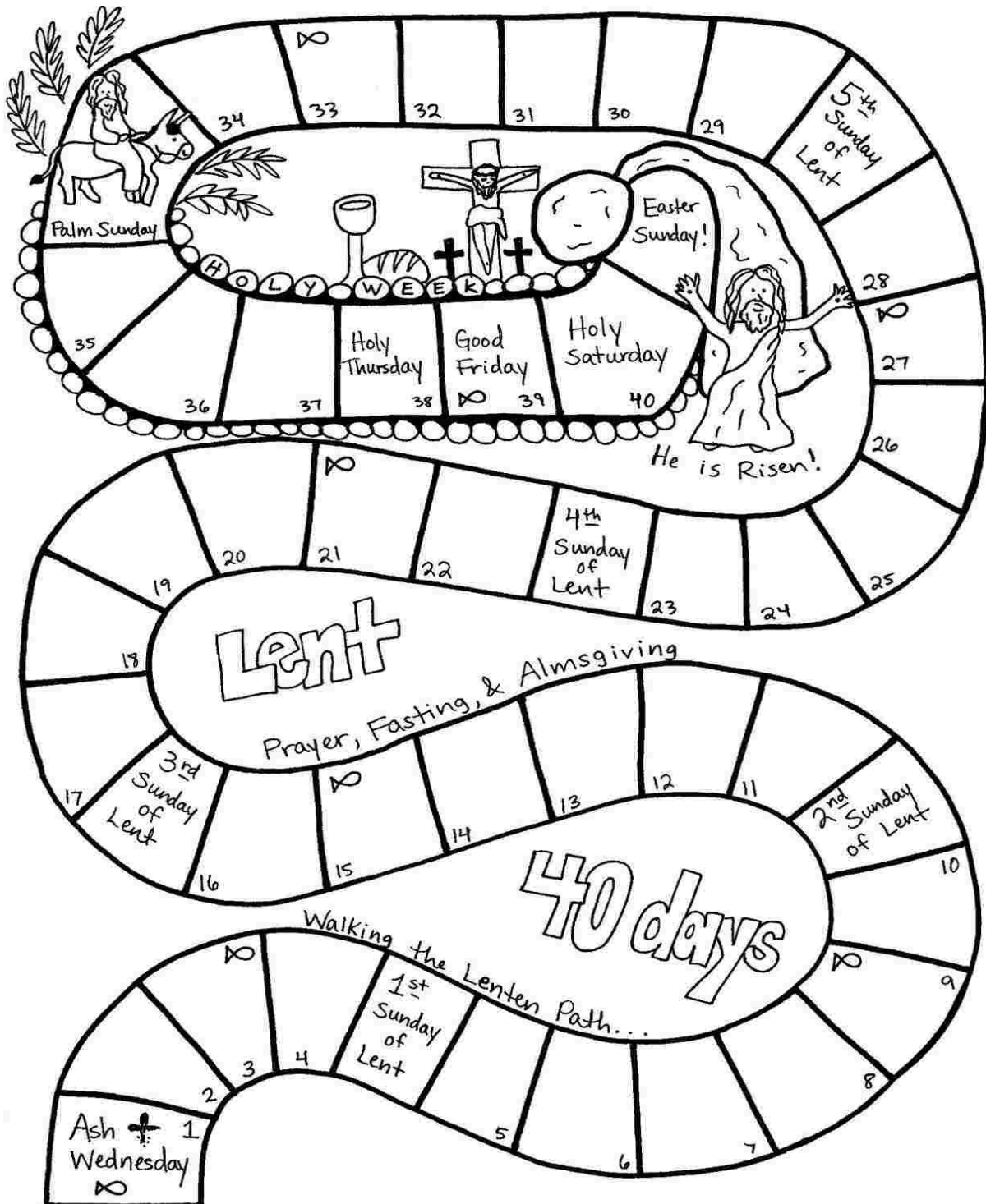


Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Visuals Team 2:30 pm <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	2 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	3 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm	4 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Outreach Team 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	6 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	7 A.A. 7:00 am
8 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i> (Daylight Savings)	9 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	10 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 p Finance Team 7:00 pm	11 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	13 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	14 A.A. 7:00 am
15 Trustees Team 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	16 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	17 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	18 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	19 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	20 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	21 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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Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Nancy Rhodes

Leases & Legal Affairs: Noreen Van Doren

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Furniture: Kelly Visker

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