

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

*Love God, Follow Jesus and
Pass it On*

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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.**

Guest WiFi: LoveGod1565

Save these Dates!

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

- April 5th: Palm Sunday 9:30 am & 11:00 am
- April 9th: Holy Thursday -7:30 pm
- April 10th: Good Friday - 7:30 pm
- April 12th: Easter Sunday - 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

FISH FRY DINNER

- Friday, April 3rd, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Eat in or take out are both available.
- Delivery available with advance registration.
- Please text your order and delivery address to: (518) 221-8643.



Please Note:

This fish fry dinner has been postponed for now. We will keep you updated.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Our plan is to have LUNCH WITH FRIENDS on Sunday, April 26th. We gather monthly, meeting in the dining room after the second service. Just bring your own bag lunch. All ages are Welcome. Invite your neighbor.

If the Guilderland Library is open and following their schedule, you can go to the concert at 2:00 pm - to be determined.



Please Note:

We will keep up you updated if there are any changes.

Announcements

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Thursday night Lenten bible study
- Sunday morning and Monday evening Adult Forum
- Thursday mornings Top of the Hill
- Choir Rehearsals
- April 3rd Fish Fry Dinner



ALSO NOTE:

- Monthly church meetings will be held using ZOOM
- Sunday 9:30 church services will be broadcasted over Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch>

Please Note:

We will keep you updated as more become available

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. ***We will keep you updated of any changes.***



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



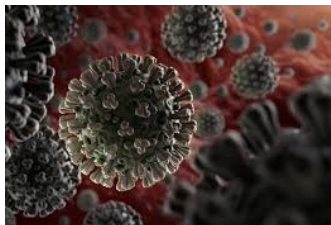
WATCH IT LIVE

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>



WHAT IS ALL THIS LEADING TO??



Clearly it would be difficult to write an article today and not mention the situation we are facing with the COVID-19 virus. As we manage through each day with constant changing information, we hope and pray that there will soon be a solution to return our lives back to normal. We may all be asking ourselves, “Where is all this leading to??” As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we look to our leaders and medical professionals to find the most effective ways to avoid the virus,

prevent it from spreading, and a vaccine to protect us.

But for now, we manage our days as best as we can, working and schooling from home, keeping our distance from each other, washing our hands and simply trying to understand what is happening to the world around us. We all want this to come to an end soon, but at this time we just don’t have clear line of sight as to when. We wonder, we hope, and we pray for everyone’s health, and search for answers to when it will end, and how our world will be changed.

As we take each day at a time, and look ahead to the coming weeks, let’s also remember the coming of Easter Sunday, just days away now. Yes, our celebration may look and feel different this year than past years, but it will still be there, on our calendars, and won’t be cancelled or postponed. Somehow and some way, we know that God’s Hand is in all that is going on today, and we can never doubt His Presence in our lives, regardless of any circumstances.

As we look ahead to Easter and reflect upon God’s Son saving our world, we can immediately answer the questions of “What is all this leading to?” This, and everything in our lives, leads to one place and One Person – The Cross, and Jesus. As Christians, no matter how difficult and challenging our lives can be in this world, we always have an answer to the that question. With certainty, we know our lives lead to Jesus on the Cross; and know that He sacrificed His life to save each of us.

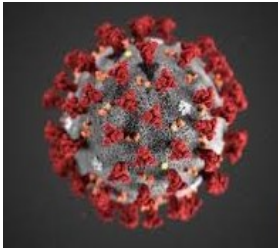
We don’t know what changes will come tomorrow with the virus, and we don’t know what our world will be like in one week, one month, or one year. But we DO know that our Lord will never leave us, will always hear our prayers, and will always have His Spirit among us.

We need each other, and we need Jesus. This is a time for all of us to look to each other and to Jesus and pray. As Easter approaches, let’s turn our minds and hearts to the Cross, and remind ourselves that at the Cross we have hope, we have peace, we have love,.....we have Jesus.

God Bless you all,
Dom Perfetti



Healing Ministry



Welcome to every one to our Healing Ministry. With my prayers, let us hold our hearts and minds, wherever we are, bow our heads, and bend our knees. Let us look at our crucified Jesus Christ. He is our hope; and, we can trust him and surrender us in his hands. Around the world and around us, we are facing the dangerous plague of corona virus. The virus wandering like waves and spreading like a destroyer or death angel.

During our Lent days, the plague is challenging our faith and even church worshipping. It sounds like the Scripture in the book of Revelation 18:8, "I will bring one more plague will come in a single day, pestilence and mourning, and famine." Don't we feel the same way?

In Exodus 12:2, the Israelites were warned plague of destroyer; but, God almighty would never leave them to suffer with the plague. God gave guidance to do the Passover of the Lord, and applied the blood of the lamb on their doors and door posts. God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you and no plague shall destroy. (Exodus 12:13)

We have hope; and, let us remember the Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross as a Passover of the Lord. He poured out his precious blood for us and to save us. Let us go to him and offer ourselves and all our sins and problems and the sickness. He will cover us by his pinions, (Psalm 91:3) we will not fear the arrow flies by day, or pestilence, that stalks in darkness or destruction that waves noon day. (Psalm 91:5-6).

Let us be strong in our faith and pray to the Healer, Jesus Christ. He will put to an end to this plague and the healing will cover everything and everyone.

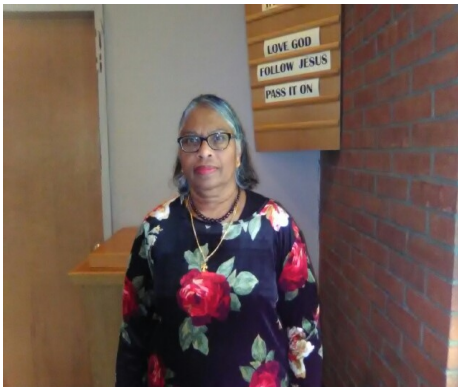


Healing Ministry



Let us Pray: "God almighty we are gathering around your alter to bow down to you and to have mercy over us and over all the world communities. King Solomon was offered prayers, "If there is plague, whatever sickness there is, whatever prayers, whatever plea, from individual or all from your people, Israel all knowing their own suffering and their own sorrows may you hear from heaven. (2 Chronicles 28:31)

Hear our plea to send your power and destroy the plague of corona virus. Deliver everyone who are affected, including those suffering in the ICUs, in hospital beds, and at home. Please pour your healing power and heal them. Protect their lives and save them. We are praying this in the name of your beloved son, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen, Amen, Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for 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...*

Please note:

- *There will be no Adult Forum on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings until further notice*
- *There will be no Adult Forum meeting on Easter Sunday.*

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.

Please Note:

There are no special events scheduled at this time. We will notify you when they are rescheduled.



Brooks Chicken Barbeque!

**Right Here at McKownville Church
on Saturday, May 2nd....**

Our hours this year are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, a change from prior years. Brooks Chicken BBQ made a business decision resulting in fewer on-site hours for our sale. We have chosen these particular hours because in past years our sales have peaked between 3 pm and 5 pm. With fewer hours, we may lose some sales. Even so, we plan to sell 1000 dinners in four hours compared with 1100 dinners in eight hours in recent years. An aggressive sales effort will be needed to alert potential customers about reduced hours yet the same fine dinners. Prices remain the same as last October: \$12 for full dinner, \$9 for chicken only. Our publicity was sent to local news outlets, radio, and television stations in mid-March. Now, it is up to each member to tell friends and strangers alike about the date, the hours, and the quality of our dinners.

Again we need the volunteer efforts of many people. Sign-up sheets will be out April 5. We will need cake bakers, dining room servers, cashiers, traffic control, welcoming ambassadors, and clean-up folks! Think about what you can do best, and then rush for the sign-up sheets before someone else gets your favorite spot! Questions may be addressed to Chris Spencer, Sarah Spencer, or Henry Walter.



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 from 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



CAPITAL DISTRICT AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

Our church membership has performed admirably in providing meals to the homeless shelter run by the Capital District Area Council of Churches. As of April 27th, we will have provided meals for 25 men on 16 nights for a total of 400 meals! How fantastic! I want to personally thank church members/attendees Julie Crossman, Patti and Paul Kreckler, Laura and Joe Morotta, Jacqueline Wu, Barbara Cullen, Janet Chilelli, John and Wendy Fox, Bill and Jackie Turbey, Bill and Sue Burns, Ruth Caldera, Tom Myers, Jeannette Robb and my husband Chris who all helped cook and pay for one or more meals. In addition, I want to thank Carl and Ildra Morse and Nan Pullen who provided money to buy some food and drinks for some of the meals. In addition, a big thank you goes out to a number of friends and neighbors, who also provided food, labor, meal planning and delivery of some of the meals. Without the help of everyone involved, this would not have been possible. God Bless you all for performing this very important outreach.

Noreen VanDoren
Trustee



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!



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.

APRIL DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
April 5 (Palm Sunday)	To Be Determined	Angela Stott
April 12 (Easter Sunday)	To Be Determined	Eugene Gee
April 19	To Be Determined	Laura Marotta
April 26	To Be Determined	Kristin Waters



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.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

11 – Paul & Beth Berger
20 – Barbara & Paul Cullen



2 – Teri Scoville
7 – Bill Seim
8 – Susan Burns
11 – David Gooding
12 – Morgan Jones
15 – Paul Cullen
16 – Kathryn Liotta

Birthdays

17 – Meagan Markessinis
17 – Matthew Steffens
18 – Laura Marotta
19 – Rick O'Hare
20 – Julie Evans
24 – Donna Bender

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH

March 12 - Arthur Stott



APRIL 2020

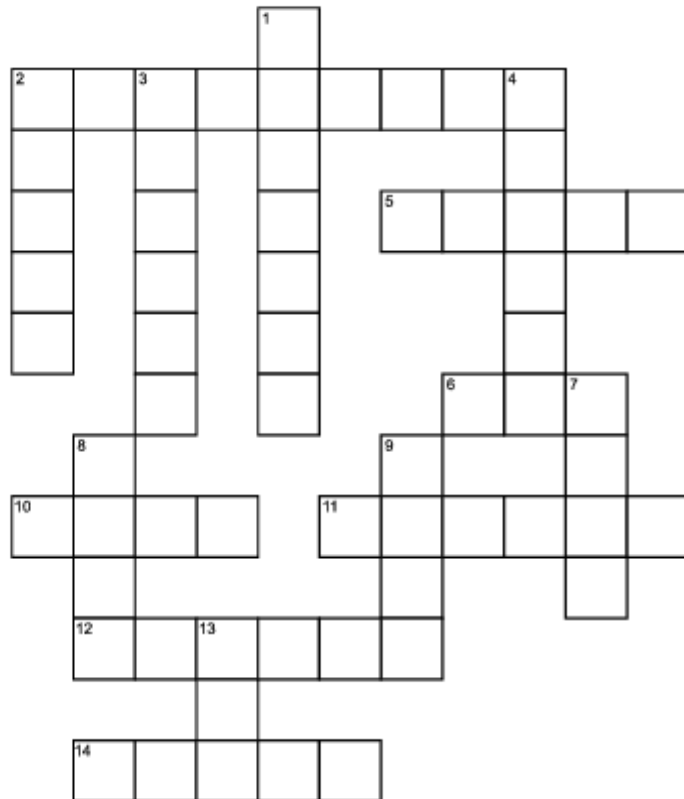


Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Outreach Team 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	2 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	3 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	4 A.A. 7:00 am
5 (Palm Sunday) Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Visuals Team 2:30 pm <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	6 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	7 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 p	8 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	9 (Holy Thursday) Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	10 (Good Friday) Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	11 A.A. 7:00 am
12 (Easter Sunday) Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	13 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	14 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	15 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	17 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	18 A.A. 7:00 am
19 Trustees Team 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	20 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	21 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	22 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	23 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	24 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm Machine Embroidery 1:00 pm -3:00 pm	25 A.A. 7:00 am
26 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	27 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	28 Living Resources 9:30 am Reflections of our Legacies Group 12:00 pm A.A. - 4:30 pm Yoga - 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm	29 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	30 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm		

**(See Sunday bulletin
for rehearsal times.)*

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

ACTIVITY PAGE



Across

- 2 - A mother duck keeps a close eye on her ____.
 5 - Easter's month.
 6 - Which came first, the chicken or the ____?
 10 - A mother cow gives milk to her ____.
 11 - Easter is always on this day of the week.
 12 - Carry your Easter Eggs in a ____.
 14 - The Easter ____ hops around the world and delivers presents.

Down

- 1 - April showers bring May ____.
 2 - Cows give milk for ____ products.
 3 - A mother hen watches over her baby ____.
 4 - Easter's season.
 7 - A baby ____ is called a kid.
 8 - A baby sheep is called a ____.
 9 - In the backyard, the kids are having an Easter Egg ____.
 13 - The ____ warms the earth and brings light to the world.



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