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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

*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 this Date!

Hello friends and neighbors...

This year's CROP Walk for Hunger will be taking on a different look but the needs of the hungry persist and therefore so must we! The CROP walk organizers have designed a plan where people are able to make donations online directly to the Albany Crop Walk or by making donations by check as usual to sponsor walkers. Then on May 3rd we will walk our own neighborhoods, adhering to social distancing as recommended. Together we will all walk to raise awareness of Hunger, and through our fundraising efforts we will help take a chunk out of hunger here in the Capital District. Food Pantries and global hunger relief programs need our help now more than ever!

If you wish to make a donation online visit www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny Once on the page search for McKownville UMC and it will take you to a team page designed especially for us. There is a donate button on this page where you click to make an electronic donation.

If you prefer to make a donation by check, please write it payable to CWS/CROP writing the MCKOWNVILLE UMC TEAM in the memo line and mail to CACC at 646 State Street, Albany, NY 12203

If you have any questions, please reach out to Angela Stott at arthurndakota@verizon.net or Kitt Jackson (Crop Walk Director) at kitt82@verizon.net

Make signs, take photos and post on social media pictures of your walk using #CROPWALK or @CACC

We would like to see your photos too so that they can be included in our online worship slides. Send any slides from your walk to arthurndakota@verizon.net

Walking Together - Apart. We Will Make a Difference!

By: Angela Stott



Announcements

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, THE FOLLOWING ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Sunday morning and Monday evening Adult Forums
- Thursday morning Top of the Hill
- Choir Rehearsals
- Lunch with Friends



PLEASE NOTE:

Our Sunday 9:30 am services are being broadcasted over Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch>

NEW ADDRESS

If anyone would like to send a card or give Phyllis Veley a call, her new contact information is as follows:

300 Mill Rose Court
Atria
Room 344D,
Slingerlands, NY 12159
Phone # 518-690-4928



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>



WHEN THINGS BECOME OBVIOUS



We ask ourselves if all of this is really happening. *Are we really wearing masks wherever we go? We really shouldn't be meeting face to face with our extended families and friends??*

Similar what we've heard for nearly two months now, the world has changed because of the COVID-19 situation. We need to learn more about it, understand how to prevent it, adapt, and pray every day for it to pass. There has been a mix of fear, and sadness and sorrow; somewhat balanced with the spirit and resilience of the human heart and determination to help others. Without question, it is one of, if not the strangest time, of our generation.

Each week we hear things about the virus and the actions we should be taking. What seemed to be such an unknown one day, became an obvious and necessary action the next. For example, wearing protective gloves and masks in a local grocery store would have sounded beyond strange just a month ago, but now has become the necessary norm. Purposely walking on the other side of the street while passing others would be regarded as unfriendly under normal circumstances; but is now accepted as the right behavior to protect ourselves and those around us.

Yes, the changes to our lives are strange, uncomfortable, and inconvenient, yet all necessary. And, most if not all have become accepted as obvious necessities to fight this invisible illness. We're all concerned. We don't know how this virus will behave in months to come, and we all eagerly anticipate a vaccine to keep us safe and to living our normal daily lives.

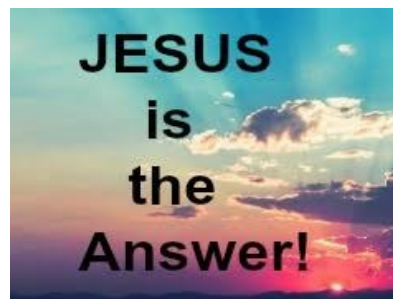


As Christians, we are not immune to what is happening, but we do have a place to go that can offer us peace through these difficult times. As Jesus taught us, He hears our prayers; and we always need to remember that every concern and worry can be placed into His hands.

We don't have all the answers to the virus at this time, and we have so many questions that are left unanswered. But through this time, Jesus sees us, hears us, and will always be the answer to all our fears, worries and concerns.

We watch the news and learn about the latest information related to COVID-19, and we continue to do all we can as individuals and families to protect each other from the virus. Through our uncertainty, let's rely on the One that gives us certainty. And as we hope and pray each day for an end to all of this, let's also remember that we all know Someone personally who already has the answers to all our questions. God is in control, and His Son is always with us. Let's always remember that Jesus is and will always be our clear and obvious answer to everything we need. The time to count on Jesus is the same as it's always been....***right now.***

*God Bless you all, please stay safe and healthy,
Dom Perfetti*

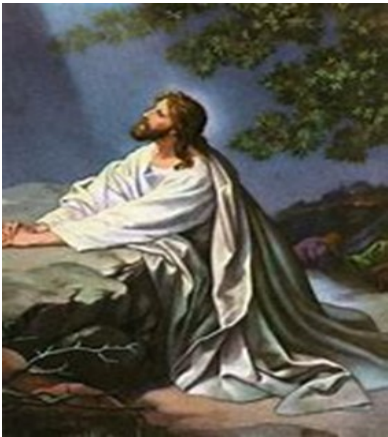


Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone to our Healing Ministry...

May the Healer, Jesus Christ, be with you all. We are in the middle of a virus pandemic; and, we are all feeling fear, panic, stress, and worry. Today the shadow of death and grieving are all around the world. Health care workers are working around the clock.

The following are some of the questions from the people of God: "What is the hope for our future; and, when will we be freed from this virus?" In the year 2000, in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples of Jesus Christ had the same feelings. They heard from the Lord, "Just as the Father knows me and I know Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:15).



They heard about the persecution of our Lord from him but they kept silent. When they went to the garden of Gethsemane, the Lord Jesus was in agony and stress. He knew how much he was going to suffer for us on the cross to give his life. Today, our world is also facing the same thing; but, our Lord kept his custom of prayer life. (Luke 22:39). The scripture said that he woke up very early in the morning and went out to pray. Though he was grieving over his own death (Matthew 26:38), he knelt and prayed. In the garden of Gethsemane two things happened. One was intense prayer and the second was the miracle of healing. Let us ask ourselves, are we like the disciples?" Jesus said to them, "I am grieving even to death. Remain here and stay awake with

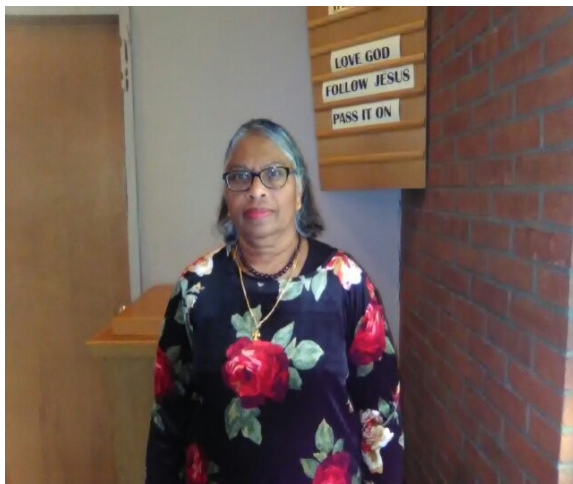
me." After Jesus prayed, he came to his disciples and found they were sleeping (Luke 22:45).

Now, all around the world, we are quarantined at home with our families and children with plenty of time to eat, watch TV, and spend time together. Let us not be like the disciples. Let us keep awake in prayer. Prayer brings miracle deliverance. In the garden the second thing, disciple Peter, as usual in the frontline, took his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's slave, Malche. Even in the pre-conviction of our Lord, he was filled with great compassion. He told Peter, "Put the sword back and no more." Then our Lord touched the slave's ear and healed it." (Luke 22:51).

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From Bethlehem and until the cross, our Lord did many healings. If we believe in our Lord as a healer, even now it is not too late to heal the present pandemic. We can take a few minutes to focus on our Lord and pray for ourselves, our families, friends, and everyone in the world to destroy this virus by his matchless power and bring healing.

Can we now bow our heads, with our family and pray:
"God the Father, son of God, and the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us and all the people of God around the world. Help us to believe in you. We are tired, over this Coronavirus; and, we feel helpless. We don't know where to turn to save ourselves. Hold us, leads us, and guide us to overcome this. And we are also asking, "Please Lord, lay thy mighty healing hand on everyone around the world. Pour your power around the world; and, destroy this virus and heal everyone affected and save their lives. We are honoring you, and praying in the precious name of your name, Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen. Amen."



***Olive Ezekiel,
Minister for Healing***

ADULT FORUM



The Lenten Study for Adult Forum, RENOVATE, began on 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 Pl
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...

By: Henry Walter

PLEASE NOTE:
Until further notice, there will be no Adult Forum on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings.

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.

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 com- pared hours with 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.

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED! WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF THIS IS RESCHEDULED!



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

The Guilderland Food Pantry



Guilderland Food Pantry is open for business...

If you or someone you know is food insecure, the food pantry is open and ready to help.

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY FOOD SERVICE, AND LIVE IN GUILDERLAND,
PLEASE CALL 518-930-1001 OR EMAIL : GUILDFOODPANTRY79@GMAIL.COM**

If you do not live in Guilderland, the Guilderland Food Pantry can assist with finding a food pantry near your home.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Guilderland Food Pantry, go to: <https://guilderlandfoodpantry.com/donate/> and there is a link to donate online.

You can also donate food, personal hygiene, household products, and diapers. They no longer take "Garage Sale" items. The space is needed for food. To donate items at this time, call the pantry for a delivery time.

The Guilderland Food Pantry is so grateful for your generosity! It is truly people like you who help feed the food insecure people in our community and help provide hope and peace in their lives. Thank you!

Location:

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

HISTORICAL FACTS

McKownville has been involved in ecumenical mission for a long time. Below are named delegates to local ecumenical groups from annual charge conference booklets of 1975 and 1983. While some organizations continued, others changed. .

Note: The Guilderland Council of Ministries was initiated by the Hamilton Union Church [Presbyterian] in Guilderland by a June call to meet in September 1974. In 1976/1977 its name was changed to the Guilderland Interfaith Council after non-Christian groups were invited to participate in events.

Delegates listed March 1975 -

Capital Area Council of Churches: Dewitt Ellinwood, Mrs. Marion Seim, The Pastor

Guilderland Area Council of Churches: Dewitt Ellinwood, Roy Klages, The Pastor

Helderberg Council of Churches: Mrs. Alton Farnsworth

FISH: Mrs. Floyd Bullis, Mrs. Richard [Nancy] Ware, Mrs. Charles [Emma] Herenden

Albany Methodist Society (Inner City Ministry): Miss Ethel Hunter, Dewitt Ellinwood, Mrs. Russell [Gertrude] Snye, The Pastor

Cluster Representatives: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Jonson, William Dreibold

Delegates voted December 1, 1983 -

Capital Area Council of Churches: The Pastor, DeWitt Ellinwood

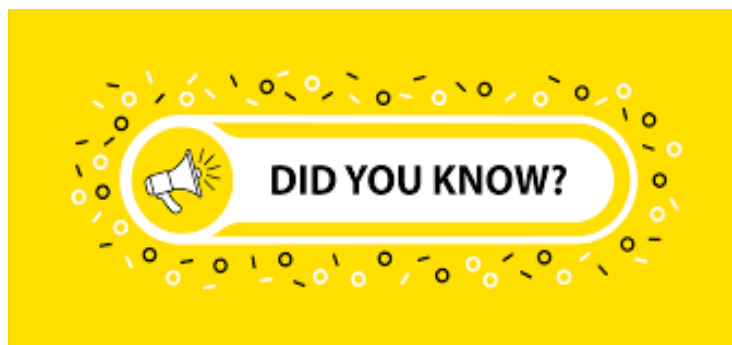
Guilderland Interfaith Council: The Pastor, Kerry Ann Williams, Roy Klages

Albany United Methodist Society: The Pastor, Gertrude Snye and Sally Carey

District Campus Ministry Committee: Wendy Coon, Robert Sinacore

Psalm 133:1 *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!* (NIV)

By: Nancy Rutenber



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 17th, 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!

By: Henry Walter



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



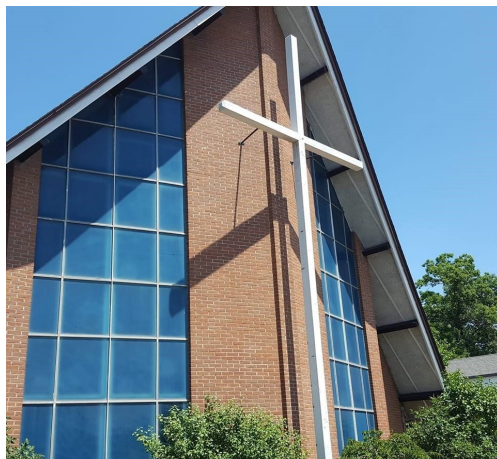
Monthly Church Meetings *are as follows:*

Finance TeamSecond 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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING...

Special meetings will be on the calendar, in our monthly newsletters, and announced in the weekly bulletins.

Our monthly church meetings are currently being held through ZOOM due to the Coronavirus.



APRIL DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
May 3	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
May 10 <i>(Mother's Day)</i>	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
May 17	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
May 24	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
May 31	To Be Determined	To Be Determined



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

Anniversaries

20 – Flo & Dan Willey
 26 – Tim & Julia Roske
 26 – John & Wendy Fox
 30 – John DeFrancisco & Karen Tedesco




Birthdays

3 – Phyllis Veley	17 – Robert Ezekiel
3 – Michaela DeFrancisco	17 – Chris Van Doren
6 – Zachary Visker	22 – Gail Van Patten
6 – Amanda Markessinis	24 – Moryina Cole
6 – Arlene Ableman	26 – Barbara O'Neill
9 -- Jackson Wells	27 – Kathy Bond
9 – Peggy Breakell	28 – Kerry Ann Williams
10 – Robert Griffin	
11 – Allison Van Doren	
14 – Patrick Braun	



MAY 2020



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 Visuals Team 2:30 pm <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	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 p	6 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
10 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Mother's Day <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	12 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	13 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	14 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	15 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	16 A.A. 7:00 am
17 Trustees Team 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	19 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	20 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	21 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	22 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm Machine Embroidery 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	23 A.A. 7:00 am
24 Contemporary Service 9:30 am Traditional Service 11:00 am <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i> ----- 31 (See above service schedule) <i>*(See Sunday bulletin for rehearsal times.)</i>	25 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm Memorial Day 	26 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	27 Yoga - 10:00 am Yoga - 5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	28 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Al-Anon 12:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	29 Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 pm	30 A.A. 7:00 am

**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

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