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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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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!

CROP WALK



We received \$1,100 in pledges assigned to the McKownville UMC team! Thank you so much for the donations and for those who participated in walking. If you have photos of yourself walking on May 3rd as part of the Albany CROP Walk for Hunger, please forward them to Angela Stott at arthurndakota@verizon.net

Money donated to CWS Crop and the Albany Crop Walk supports hunger relief both locally and globally. This year the walk was held virtually so we walked together (on the same day) – but apart (in our own neighborhoods). Walking helps raise awareness of the needs in our area. Your donation contribute toward relief. Thank you all for your support.

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for June 14th. Watch for upcoming announcements about this celebration of membership for these young people. They have been working hard and meeting weekly to study Methodist History and Doctrine through online meetings. We are very proud of their continued efforts and look forward to welcoming them together in this celebration!



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 Rehearsal
- Lunch with Friends

Reminder!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are new videos, at home activities and coloring pages being posted on our church's website. Help continue your children's Christian Education while at home by sharing these Sunday School activities at home. Watch weekly for updates and additional activities.



OUTREACH



If you are interested in being involved with community outreach and have a knack for technology, we are looking for someone to manage our church's online presence on platforms apart from Facebook. If you enjoy social media and are comfortable using Twitter, Snapchat or Instagram we are seeking an individual to send out updates and maintain an online presence!

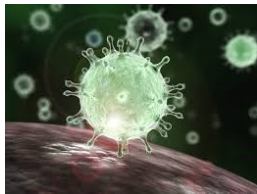
Updates would include inspirational quotes, upcoming events and announcements. Contact Angela Stott to get involved and we will share passwords for these accounts! You need not maintain all platforms if you wish. Reaching out from the safety of within!

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.



IT NEVER GETS OLD.....



Does it feel like it's getting old?? This is the third month in a row that we're faced with the daily challenge of fighting the Corona virus. And we are still very uncertain about if and when it will end. We're staying home, working from home, kids are not going to school, no vacation trips, dinner out means curbside pickup..., the list is long, and some will say all this is, "getting old." Some states are reopening, and the debate continues on whether it's too soon for health reasons, or too late for economic reasons. We're in a period of time that none of us really have any answers for, as we've never lived through a time like this before, and we certainly hope and pray for it to be over soon. Many of us are fortunate to only bear the inconveniences of the COVID-19 situation, while others were or are, directly impacted with the illness. And of course, our prayers go out to all those who are ill, and for the healthy to remain in good health.

Looking back to the days of traveling wherever we wanted, whenever we wanted, visiting friends, extended family dinners, trips to the park...all seems so long ago, and we wonder if we can ever return to those days. There's talk of living in the "new normal," but this has not been defined yet. How we live our lives in the future will certainly change and be different than prior to the pandemic. And we will need to learn, adapt and simply accept a "new norm" that will help us all avoid contracting an illness of any kind.

And yes, we can say all this is getting old. It's a natural human response. Instinctively we are social beings who want to see others, spend time face to face, and socialize with each other often. Being restricted from this goes against our nature and begins to wear on us.

Maybe the best way to deal with the "new," is to lean on what "*never gets old??*" *Perhaps returning to our Source of life and re-grounding ourselves in what we all know will lead us to a better place regardless of the current circumstances??* We know that in any time, and in any situation, we can rely on the Word of our Lord, and find our peace. God's Word has been among us for thousands of years, but *never gets old!* He provided us with His Word through ancient prophets, and through His Son, Jesus as He lived among us. Opening our Bibles and finding that certain passage that we need to see, read, and absorb to turn our minds from fear to confidence, and from despair to hope can be just what we need in times like this. God knows what our world is going through, and He has a plan, as He always has and always will.

Turning from the anxieties and fears of our world and taking time to immerse ourselves in the Word of our living God is refreshing and renewing. Let's always remember that we're never left alone, and that our prayers are always heard.

Jesus is always there to help us, and His Word is our source of hope, love and peace. Whatever we are going through, we know we can always count on His Word.....***as It never gets old!!***

Prayers and God's Blessings for a healthy summer to come,

Dom Perfetti



Healing Ministry



Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. I am going to share my faith and prayers with everyone. I have a request for everyone though. Would you please have your bible with you and take a moment to join me through this message.

Presently, we are facing a pandemic with unexpected sorrows and loss of loved ones. All around the world, many families are pouring their tears and asking God, "Why this pandemic? It took the lives of our loved ones. What will happen next? Who is there for us to cry to and comfort us?"

Many people are in the ICU units and all the health care workers are also pouring their tears and serving to save the people of God. Some of them may be saying, "Is God crying for us and for this?" I would like to share with you some of the scriptures in the bible. These scriptures show how much the Son of God, Jesus Christ, cried for the human with His compassion.

Let us read about the tears of the Lord, Jesus Christ, which can be found in John 7:28. "Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple. You know me and you know where I am. I have not come on my own but the one who sent me is true." He cried and asked them to believe in Him. Let us ask ourselves how much do we believe in Him? When will people face the sickness or other problems and lose their faith and trust in Him. From this scripture, let us have compassion over our Lord and let us believe in Him. He will perform miracles.

The Lord, Jesus Christ, cried out again and said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and let the one believe in me drink" (John 7:37). Why would the Son of God cry and ask to believe in Him again? He loves us and his compassion for us will never end. If we believe in Him, what kind of drink will we get from Him?

"Out of the believers hearts shall flow the river of Living Water" (John 7:38). To make us believe in Him and the pouring of tears, show us his love for the flowing of the Living Water. Can we go to Him and receive this Living Water. Can we go to Him and receive this Living Water in our hearts? Please take a moment and ask Jesus to come into your hearts. He will come and touch your heart to flow like the Living Water and it will quench your sickness and your problems.



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The Lord Jesus wept again while standing in front of a tomb where his friend, Lazarus, was kept. Lazarus' sister, Martha, came where Jesus was and saw him. She knelt at his feet and said, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Jesus saw Mary weeping and all the Jews (John 11:33). The Lord, Jesus Christ, saw their tears deeply moved and a great compassion filled in Him and Jesus began to weep (John 11:34). The faith of Martha and the others touched our Lord and he wept for His believers.

Even today, he is unchanging. Maybe we may not see Jesus, but we can feel His tears in our hearts. The power of His in human lives and so He underscores comfort the significance of Jesus' ultimate victory over death. Let us read His answer for Martha. "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God (John 11:40). Then He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come out" (John 11:43).

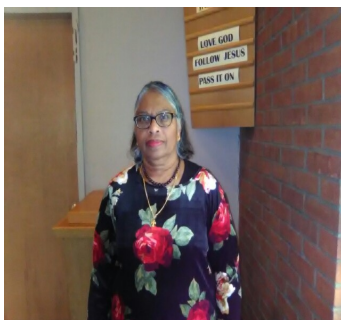
The above scripture gives us assurance that we can trust Him to overcome the present problem even though it may look very big.

I would like to share something with all of you. My husband, George Ezekiel, who is now on 24 hours of oxygen therapy at home, is receiving all his home and nursing care from me, a retired nurse, while being in constant contact with his doctors. During this time, I am also serving our Lord in our church. But for now, my husband's care is like a three-shift day, evenings and nights. But the Lord, Jesus Christ, is with me by his strength. I am doing this because I believe in Him; and, I never stop my early 5:00 am prayers for my church families.

This is my faith in Jesus Christ; and, knowing how much time he spent for us carrying the cross and with all the pain and bleeding. With His matchless love, He allowed his body to have the five nails and be crucified on the cross for us.

By his greatest love and compassion, he will bring total healing from this Coronavirus soon. All around the world his healing power will flow like the Living Water and heal the world.

Let us say this small prayer together. "Lord, Jesus Christ, all our five wounds, your pain, and your death on the cross to comfort us, heal us, and give us perfect health. I am kneeling near your feet and offering my thanks to you. Lord, hear my prayer, have mercy on me and make me lean on your chest. Help me to believe in you in all of my life. I am asking the sweet name of your name, Jesus Christ. Amen, Amen and Amen.



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

WORSHIP

We will continue to broadcast worship live on Facebook for you to participate from the comfort and safety of your own home. Follow these instructions for watching worship – even if you do not have a Facebook account! Facebook will keep the recording of the livestream posted so that you can watch anytime and share as you wish even if you cannot join us on Sunday at 9:30am. Worship is also posted on YouTube if you have trouble viewing on Facebook (but it is posted after live stream has ended).

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FIND THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON FACEBOOK

Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at <https://link.zixcentral.com/u/21243341/urWNIB156hGM8JsXh3soMg?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mckownvillechurch.com%2F>

Step 2: On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:
Watch sermons live here!

Step 3: Click on the word here!

Step 4: Once you are on our Facebook page, scroll down and click on the most recent video on the page. (see orange arrow)

****Please note:** You do not need to log in or create an account to view the live stream.



Step 5: Enjoy the Worship Service.

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.



Our only High School Senior this year in our Youth Group program is Dakota Stott. Dakota has actively served as the President of the Youth Group for two years, leads Children's Church, serves on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, traveled to the Philippines on the Mission of Peace and hopes to pursue a double major in Psychology and Youth Ministry at Eastern University in the fall, 2020. Because all in person High School events have been cancelled including Sr. Ball and the Jr/Sr Awards Ceremony, Dakota is feeling some sadness about ending her education in Guilderland in this way. Dakota however has continued to show her love to her community by serving at the St. Vincent's Food Bank in Albany (when they were shorthanded) and working as an essential worker at Market 32 in the midst of the pandemic. Please help me celebrate Dakota's accomplishments and wish her well by sending cards and greetings to her at 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, 12084. We hope to shower her with the love of Christ in this unusual time. Graduation 2020 is surely one that we will never forget!



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

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

McKownville United Methodists Answer the Call!!

The Finance Team is pleased to announce that despite challenging circumstances, as of May 26th, pledges received have exceeded last year's total, both in terms of the number of pledges and the total dollars pledged. 51 pledges have been submitted, an increase of 2 over last year, and \$190,688 has been pledged, an increase of \$2,432.

In recent years, our annual budget has been roughly \$260,000, and pledges have accounted for about 75% of needed income. This year's pledges illustrate the strong congregational support for the mission and programs of the church, and will facilitate the creation of a budget to carry them forward.

There remain uncertainties about other income sources (building use and the Brooks BBQ) due to potential on-going limitations on gathering and meeting. Please continue to hold the church in you prayers. If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late! Pledges can be mailed to the church office.



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.



JUNE DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
June 7th	N/A at this time	N/A at this time
June 14th	N/A at this time	N/A at this time
June 21st) (Father's Day)	N/A at this time	N/A at this time
June 28th	N/A at this time	N/A at this time



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 Greeter and Ushers duties are now combined.***

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

5 – George & Connie Stott
 8 – John & Nanci Lutz
 10 – Chris & Amy DeVall
 11 – Nancy & Steve Clarke
 16 – Lee & Vivian Jones
 17 – Charles & Jeanette Wager
 19 – William & Ann Marie Gray
 25 – Donna & Arthur Bender
 28 – Oakley & Mary Neitzel
 29 – Robert & Patricia Schambach



Birthdays

1 – John Sitterly
 2 – Debbie Krekeler
 4 – Cathy Clarke Wells
 5 – George Exekiel
 10 – Mark Jones
 12 – Paul Krekeler
 15 – Doug Arnott



JUNE 2020



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

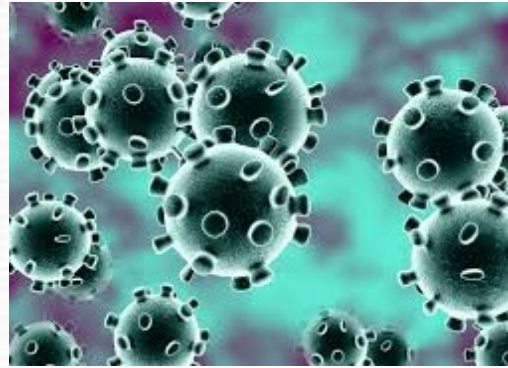
**Sunday rehearsal times are as follows:*

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

ACTIVITY PAGE



Safety tips for Coronavirus



Use a Face Mask
in Public



Wash Hands
with soap



Avoid Contact with
Sick People



Never touch your face
with unclean hands



Avoid large crowd

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Albany, New York 12203-4222

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