

McKownville Church News

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*World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020*

Spirit Filled, Mission

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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



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

Announcements

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Sunday Worship Services are held at 10:00 am.
- Everyone is welcome to worship in-person to attend or watch the service on Facebook.



WOMEN TOGETHER

Four times a year our project is to fill disaster buckets. We missed April; but, did fill them in July and delivered them to the Upper New York Albany District office at Newtonville UMC. From there they go to the church hub in Syracuse and they are ready when UMCOR needs them for people to use in cleanup from flood or other disasters.



This group started about 5 or 6 years ago when a few widows met for dinner. We have grown but remain a small group. *If you are an older woman alone for some reason and wish to join us we will welcome you.* Generally, we meet the fourth Friday of the month in the afternoon.

Emma Herendeen

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time of year again! Wrapped Christmas boxes will be available beginning September 27th for you to take home and fill with gifts and prayers for children in need. Due to COVID-19, this year we are also offering to drop off empty boxes at your home and then pick them up once they are filled for your convenience and safety. Each box contains an information sheet about items to include, as well as instructions regarding the cost of shipping.

Please remember to put a rubber band around the box when you return it. If you want to help out, but are unable to fill a box yourself, you can drop off some items to contribute toward filling boxes in the laundry basket in the vestibule where your temperature is taken, or contact Ally VanDoren for pick-up, and she will put together additional boxes with these donations. Additionally, for a donation of \$20 we will fill a box for you. All boxes must be returned no later than November 17. Our goal is to provide 100 children with boxes of love, joy and the message of Christ. We hope you can help us meet that goal!

Operation
Christmas Child



2020



Empty boxes will be available to grab in the east lobby by the exit doors.

You can contact Ally VanDoren at allisonjvandoren@gmail.com or at 518-944-6466 where you can leave a voicemail.

Announcements

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

- Sunday morning and Monday evening Adult Forums
- Choir Rehearsals
- 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.



NO EXCEPTIONS!!

With no exceptions

There will be no exceptions! Those are strong words, and they aren't always used in the friendliest manner. They are stated to prove a point, a strong point, intended to be very restrictive. No one allowed beyond this point – No exceptions. The building is closed to all – No exceptions.

Adding the extra words, “no exceptions” is the exclamation point that makes it clear to all that the decision is final. There's no need for further discussion or clarification. It's simple, there are no exceptions.

We live in a world with many restrictions. We may not always think they are fair and consistent, and they can vary depending on where we live, town history, our current environmental conditions, and a multitude of other issues. We've all seen plenty of examples where restrictions are imposed on some basic and common issues: where we can park, visit, fish and hike, along with other activities. The hard and fast rules we've created of course can at times be helpful to our daily living, as sometimes they help promote good public health and safety, while other times they can bring about a discouraged spirit when we are simply “not allowed” to participate in something we were looking forward to.

Like so many things we see and do in life, the meaning of a word or a phrase can take on a completely different meaning depending on our perspective and mindset. This is especially true when we change our view from looking around at the world, to looking up toward our Lord. Whenever we allow our Lord to enter into our thoughts and plans, we quickly learn that He has the unique ability to completely change our thinking from “restrictive” to “unlimited.”

As we are accustomed to thinking that “no exceptions” is very restrictive from our worldly point of view, Jesus can open our eyes to just the opposite. When we open our hearts to Jesus, we gain the peace and understanding of “no exceptions” in a way that only Jesus can offer. Jesus loves us all – No exceptions!! Jesus forgives our sins – No exceptions!! Jesus accepts us as we are – No exceptions!! And the list continues.

Looking up to our Lord in all we do will always give us the confidence of His consistency. And we can rest assured that His love for us will never change. While the world around us constantly establishes new laws and policies, Jesus' Words stand strong, unchanging and will always pass the test of time.

With Jesus in our lives, we will never be alone, He is with us everywhere and at all times. His promise of eternal life with Him is not selective or by chance, it is for every single one of us – No Exceptions!!

Have a wonderful Fall Season and stay healthy,
Dom Perfetti

**JESUS
LOVES
YOU.***

*CONDITIONS DON'T APPLY

Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our Healing Ministry. I hope the grace of our Lord keeps everything going well with you. Let us join together wherever we may be ask God almighty to speak with us through his words. Last month, we read about the journey of Saul to Damascus. Let us see after Saul fell from his horse and he had a conversation with our Lord Jesus Christ. Please read Acts 9:8-12. "Saul got up from the ground though his eyes were open, he could not see nothing, so they led him by hand and brought him into Damascus." The power of God and with a bright light blinds Saul's eyes. From this we can understand how powerful our Lord Jesus Christ is. Paul gave witness to this. If we read Acts 21:11 and Acts 22:11, it says, "Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the people, addressed them in Hebrew language saying, I could not see because of the brightness of the light."

In Isaiah 42:16 it says, "I will lead the blind by a road they do not know by the paths they have not known." Here on the road to Damascus, Saul was lead to the path he do not know. He did not know what was next. Our Lord Jesus Christ is a healer. Then why did he put the blindness in Saul? May because Saul should not see the believers when he go to the city of Damascus or for the safety of them. The Lord Jesus Christ is full of love and compassion. But here we can understand, on the road of Damascus, Saul was chosen by God through divine power. Saul is going to suffer and serve for the sake of the gospel.

A sudden sickness will shock a person or a community. Now the whole world is under shock and fear over the sudden virus infection. The whole world is suffering, asking questions like. "What is next? What is our future? How long will this pandemic be and how long is this suffering is going to be?" The only answer we have is to trust God. And one of the answers from God in Isaiah 48:10 says, "I have refined you in the furnace but not like silver. I have tested you in the furnace of adversity." May be this is test for our faith. We can remember this if we read Job 2:4-6, and how Job was tested of his faith. God relinquishes control over Job, but, spares his life. Here, God put blindness in Saul and gave his life to serve him.



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When we face sickness or difficulty in our life or some other problems, we must ask ourselves, "Are we having honest faith in God, and obeying what he says in the scriptures? Or are we following him as he likes?" Let us pray to gather.

"Lord Jesus Christ, we bow our heads and knelt our heart. We come to your presence of the bright light look at us and forgive our sins. Guide and lead us to get up from our unfaith to the faith. Open our hearts to receive you as our Savior; and, teach us to see the wonders in your words. Allow us to hold your nailed hand, your hands that carried the cross for us, and took the nails. Make us follow you and live as you like. Protect us from all the diseases; and, give us perfect health to live and praise you. In your holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister For Healing

SUNDAY 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 Sundays at 10:00 am. 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: <http://www.mckownvillechurch.com>

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 steam.**



Step 5: En-
the Worship Service.

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Mission Opportunities

The Guilderland Food Pantry



The Guilderland Food Pantry is still very busy feeding many Guilderland families. The pantry is open six days a week from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Summer time is a good time for the pantry clients, because so many people who have gardens share their vegetables with the food pantry. These donations are greatly appreciated.



Even though we have not been able to go to church for months, we can still collect your donations. You may drop off your purchases at the church during the week when Chris, our office secretary, is in the office. Since Chris does some of her work from home, please call the office at (518) 456-1148 to make sure that she is there.

Canned fruit is always in demand.
The pantry is no longer in need of egg cartons.

Dorothy Ellinwood and
Darcianne Leizer



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

YOUTH 2020



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).

“In person” meetings will resume soon. Please contact Angela Stott to be signed up for virtual events and online meeting activities.

If you want to get involved or have questions about upcoming events, see Angela Stott (coordinator) for details.

PARSONAGE UPDATE

The parsonage committee is still working on purchasing a home here in Guilderland. We continue to work with the bank to secure a mortgage and make decisions on any necessary renovations to the house. Several people donated money after last month’s newsletter; a heartfelt “thank you” for those who donated. We are still asking for donations towards the project and hope that you will prayerfully think about making a contribution. Any donations should be made out to the church and clearly marked as a parsonage donation and can be mailed or dropped off during Sunday services.

Kelly Visker, Diane Steffens, Sue Burns, Nancy Rhodes, Noreen VanDoren, and James Stott



OUR 21ST ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

The McKownville UMC Pumpkin Patch, now operating its 21st year, has seen it's share of unusual circumstances. We have held this fundraiser through Frankenstorm, swept snow off the pumpkins, had the pumpkin tent blow up in the air and then collapse in the midst of high winds! We have LOST the pumpkin resupply truck and had it arrive several days late with spoiled pumpkins. We have had a Little Red Hen come visit the patch and find a resting place in amongst the orange globes. We have had a HS Football team unload pumpkins passing them person to person like they were passing a football. And we have had competitors try to buy us out. But we have also made friends within our community, had children come play in the pumpkin maze every year, and been a feature location for wedding photos, family photos and homecoming photos alike. Our patch and our mission has been featured on TV, inspired others into volunteer mission work, provided funds for scholarships sending volunteers all over the globe. One thing we do know for sure is that ***PEOPLE LOVE PUMPKINS!*** So even in the midst of a pandemic, as we struggle for ways to safely interact and do business in our communities, the sale of Pumpkins at our Annual Pumpkin Patch **WILL CONTINUE!**



We are taking precautions to keep both our volunteers and our customers safe and healthy. We look forward to sharing the colors of the season with our neighbors. And from seed to sale we are Changing the World – One Pumpkin at a Time!

Here is what you can expect this year:

Volunteers will need to sign up in advance and go through safety training prior to working at the patch. I have advice from Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers Inc and from NYS Department of Agriculture, as well as Albany County DOH regarding how to safely operate this year. I will have a written plan to have available should DOH question our procedures and I will keep that available in the office during the month while the patch is open.

The sale will operate its usual hours as of right now M-F 11a-7p; Saturdays 10a-7p and Sundays 12-6 through October 31st but *hours may vary due to COVID-19 restrictions and the availability of volunteers.

I can work with customers who reach out for large pumpkin orders based upon availability of what they are asking for. Please get their contact info and email me to work out a price and delivery.

Prices are set by size not by weight and are determined by PPF. I cannot quote prices or sizes until they arrive.

We are getting one truck – no replenishment mid - month. So customers should come early in the month for the best selection. Pumpkins will not be any fresher for Halloween if they wait until later in the month.

Spread the Word – THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!
And we are changing the world one pumpkin at a time!

BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, AFTERNOON FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
- FULL DINNER TO GO FOR ONLY \$13.00 (ONLY OPTION)
- HALF CHICKEN, BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW, ROLL, COOKIE, AND BOTTLE OF WATER.
- CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

Our regular Fall Brooks Chicken BBQ will happen on schedule. In these unusual times we needed a new plan. We have a new plan. **Some changes as listed below:**

1st: Drive-in pickup only; no dining room service.

2nd: Whole dinner the only option. Sorry, no "chicken only".

3rd: Brooks will provide the entire meal (chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, cookie, bottle of water). Brooks will package the meal in our upstairs social hall. We collect the money and deliver dinners to customers who stay in their vehicles.

4th: Traffic control! Customer cares will come down the driveway, go all the way down hill, turn right, go across the back of the parking lot, turn right again, come up past the recycle containers to the Memory Garden. A salesperson will take the order, collect money, return change and tickets. The car will then drive to the steps nearest Dunkin' and pick up dinners in exchange for tickets. Cars will leave to Western Avenue at the traffic light. This is a tentative plan and may change. Be alert when you arrive. There will be signs.

Challenge: Changes bring challenges! We have committed to selling 1000 dinners. Our plan is to start selling at 1pm and to sell out. The sooner we sell out, the sooner we go home! Recent BBQ sales by other local organizations show demand for Brooks BBQ is high this Fall.

Needs: Our most important need is for each member of McKownville Church to tell a friend or neighbor about our sale. We are contacting our usual network of persons who can post a notice, but the personal touch is most effective. The more who know, the quicker we sell out.

Helpers: Our new plan requires a different mix of volunteer labor. Expect a call. There is no food preparation but we need "runners" to carry the dinners from social hall to west vestibule and west vestibule to cars. Task training is planned.

Masks: If you help with the BBQ, please respect the Covid-19. It can do us woe. All helpers must wear an suitable mask and must maintain appropriate social distance.

For more information, please call Chris Spencer at 518-605-2554 or Sarah Spencer at 518-605-0178.



CHURCH MEETINGS



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.

Due to COVID 19, our monthly church meetings are currently being held through ZOOM.



OCTOBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
October 4th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
<i>October 11th</i>	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
October 18th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
October 25th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable 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.***



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIS & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Anniversaries

- 8 Carl & Ildra Morse
- 12 Chris & Tara Brewer
- 18 Joe & Linda Shanley



Birthdays

- 2—Kevin Williams
- 4—Kiera Williams
- 6—"T" Stillman
- 6—Alan Longshore
- 7—Kristin Waters
- 8—Ellen Swanson
- 10—Maria D'Ambrosio
- 12—Laura Scoville
- 15—Nancy Rutenber
- 16—Tara Brown
- 20—Vivian Jones
- 24—Dylan Liotta
- 28—Ric Barre
- 29—Pat Arnoff
- 29—Kristine Liotta
- 29—Wendy Liotta
- 30—Lisa Krekeler



OCTOBER 2020



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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<p>4 <i>Communion Sunday</i></p> <p>Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and via Facebook</p> <p>Visuals Team 2:30 pm (via ZOOM)</p>	5	6	<p>7 Outreach Team 6:00 (via ZOOM)</p>	8	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and via Facebook</p>	12	<p>13 Finance Team 7:00 pm (via ZOOM)</p>	14	15	16	17
<p>18 Trustees Team 8:15 am (via ZOOM)</p> <p>Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and via Facebook</p>	19	<p>20 Leadership Council 7:00 pm (via ZOOM)</p>	21	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in church and via Facebook</p>	26	<p>27 Worship Team 7:00 pm (via ZOOM)</p>	28	29	30	31

***Due to COVID19, the following rehearsal times are as all on hold:**

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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Christine Gould, Church Secretary

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Nancy Rhodes

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Maintenance: Tom Myers

Insurance: Nancy Pullen

Furniture: Kelly Visker

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Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Nancy Rutenber, Tricia Stott,
Diane Steffens, and Frank D'Ambrosio

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Evangelism through Outreach: Darcianne Leizer,
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader
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