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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



Announcements

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday Holy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday

10:00 am in person and on Facebook (Rev. Jeff Landon) 7:00 pm in person and on Facebook (Rev. Jim Bowen) 7:00 pm in person and on Facebook (Rev. Jeff Landon) 9:00 am and 1100 am in person and on Facebook live at 9:00 am (Rev. Jeff Landon)





WORSHIP SERVICES

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

ANNUAL CROP WALK



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Capital District CROP Hunger Walks that took place on May 3, 2020. Our crop walkers turned in over \$91,000 in 2020. This year the Annual CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2021. More details to follow...

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!

Announcements

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 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.



DIGITAL DIRECTORY

- Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get t to know our church family better!
- Simply go the the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*, and download the FREE app to begin.
- You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.
- If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office at (518) 456-1148.



<u>PRAYER CHAIN MESSAGE</u>

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. If you would like to join us, please call the church office or call Marion Leizer at: (518) 456-0994; and, we will add your name to our list.



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. New Sunday school lesson has been posted to Facebook.









Years ago, when one of my favorite aunts had passed away, my cousin, (her son,) looked at the small table filled with pictures for her memorial service and simply said, "She was always there for me." That's all he said, but that was all that was needed to be said. That statement summarized the life she led and how it was impressed upon the heart of her son as she departed from one life and entered into another.

When we think of best friends, close family members, and perhaps coaches or mentors, we too often have similar thoughts about what makes the relationship so special. The words are short and few, but they mean everything to a relationship, "...always there for me..." The words are foundational to strong relationships with those we love, and are what make our closest relationships so special.

As we enter into the home stretch of another Lenten Season, anticipating the day when we can shout and sing loudly that Christ Has Risen, let's reflect on our relationship with Jesus and His presence in our lives. We bring our worries and problems, moments of both despair and happiness to our friends and those close to us who are considered the few, (and sometimes the one,) who are always there for us. Yet their compassion and listening ear, although so helpful and loving, can only do so much for us compared to what Jesus has done, and will continue to do for us.

When we turn our eyes to the Cross, we see that Jesus literally gave up His life for us, for each and every one of us. The Cross is where this took place, and Jesus invites us to come to the Cross with every care, concern, sin, worry, anxiety and anything else this world can send our way. He is there, on the Cross, to bear the burdens that we carry. He openly offers us the opportunity to bring our burdens to Him at the foot of the Cross, and He will forgivingly and lovingly take them from us.

There's no symbol in the world that represents more than what Jesus did for us on the Cross. He gave up His life so we can live. He died sinless to take away our sins. And most of all, **He's there for us.** He's there for you, for me and for anyone who accepts Him into their lives as the Risen Savior.

Easter will be here in just a few short weeks. Let's accept Jesus's invitation to meet Him at the Cross and give Him everything we're carrying that weighs us down.

Jesus will set us free from our worldly burdens and allow us to walk peacefully with Him every day.

The power of Jesus on the Cross being raised to eternal life will never fail us. What incredible confidence we can have in knowing *He is there for us...every moment...of every day*.

Have a wonderful and blessed Holy Week and Easter, Dom Perfetti





PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING



Welcome everyone to our *Ministry of Healing*. Last month we celebrated Woman's Day. All women are unique in the site of God. Every woman's life experiences are very different and also is their faith. But their struggles in this world are felt all around the world. Of all the struggles, the one that is the most vulnerable is that of infertility—which means unable to conceive a child. In our Bible, we can read about these kinds of women. I would like to share the story of one woman and

how she was solved her infertility by her prayers.

In the Old Testament, 1 Samuel 1:1-11 and 2:1-10, her name was Hannah. Her husband, Elkannah, loved her even whenever she was sad. He consoled her by saying, "Why are weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you so down hearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" (1 Samuel 1:1-8). But her childless problem was not solved. In her bitterness of her soul? Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord God Almighty at the Temple Of God. Please read 1 Samuel 2:1-10. She praised God first, being rock firm, strong, and unchanging. She was praying with confidence of God's mercy and love. Her prayer is a beautiful poem. Our friends, relatives, and circumstances will change; but, God will not change. Hannah's prayer was telling every woman to cling onto God. Hannah was seeing God as a solid rock. He is the one who knows what we do, sovereigns over all the affairs of people, and is the supreme judge who administers perfect judgement. Hannah opens her prayer the way for God to work. Each of us face difficult times. When we have no answers from God, nothings comes easy in our family, our work, or our relationships. It is difficult to pray when we feel so infective.

After her prayers, she asked God. "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me. Do not forget your servant, but give me a son. Then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life; and, no razor be shaved on his head." (1 Samuel 1:1-10-11).

(Hannah & Samuel)

We must be careful when we pray and promise God what are we asking and going to give back to him. Because ,God Almighty also listens to our prayers very carefully and takes our promises seriously. After her prayers, she conceived a male child, Samuel. She then brought him back to the temple; and, left him at the temple with Priest Eli. Let us imagine her faith and promise to God. She kept her promise. Are we keeping our promises that we said to God? But He is full of love; and, by His love He will forgive us. Let us go to him, praise him, and pray for him...



O' severing Lord, from every forest of the earth and its trees, you have chosen 'One Vine'.

From all the lands of the world, you have chosen yourself 'One Region.'

And from all the flowers of the world, you have chosen for yourself 'One Lily.'

And from all the depth of the sea, you have filled for yourself 'One River.'

And from all the cities that you have built, 'Zion' for Yourself.

And from all the birds that you have created, you have named yourself, 'One Dove.' And from all the flock that you have been made, you have provided for yourself 'One Sheep.'

And from all the multitude of people you have gotten for yourself, 'One People.' And to this people, whom you have given yourself and your life on the cross and redeemed your 'People.' Amen.



Olive Ezekiel Minister for Healing



PARSONAGE UPDATE...





The Parsonage committee is so grateful for all the support that the congregation has given us in this endeavor. It is a long process, and we appreciate all the emotional and financial support that we have received. Currently we are looking for some clarification from Key Bank to ensure that we have everything necessary to present to a charge conference.

Meanwhile, we are keeping our contractors updated as we make progress towards this project. If you are interested in donating to the parsonage project, you can send a check to the church. Please make sure and put "parsonage" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee or a trustee.

Kelly Visker, Noreen VanDoren. James Stott, Sue burns, Diane Steffens, Nancy Rhodes, Nan Pullen, Thomas Myers.



COME JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK







PALM SUNDAY (March 28th) Also called Passion Sunday, in the Christian tradition, is the first day of *Holy Week* and the Sunday before Easter, commencing Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



HOLY THURSDAY (April 1st) Also known as Maundy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or Holy Communion. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection.



GOOD FRIDAY (April 2nd) A Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on this Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover.



EASTER SUNDAY (April 4th) Is one of the most festive events among Christians worldwide. It commemorates Jesus Christ's resurrection from death, as written in the Christian bible. Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus' resurrection from death.

Brooks Chicken BBQ Saturday, May 1, 12:00 noon to 4 pm Full Dinner to Go – \$13 (Only Option) Half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll, cookie, & bottle of water.

Our Spring Brooks Chicken BBQ will happen in just four weeks! Here is the plan....

- **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 and package it in our upstairs social hall.

 McKownville Church helpers: will collect money, move dinners from social hall to the west entrance, and deliver dinners to customers who stay in their vehicles. We will have two shifts of two hours each.
- 4th Traffic control! Customers drive down to end of parking lot and circle around towards the Memory Garden. Salespersons take an order, collect money, return change and tickets. Cars drive up to the steps by west vestibule and exchange tickets for dinners. Cars leave towards the Western Avenue traffic light.
- Challenge: We have committed to selling *1,000 dinners*. *ALL MUST BE SOLD!* As Brooks delivers dinners to us, we rush them to the customers.
- Need #1: Each McKownville Church member, tell a friend/neighbor about our sale.
- Need #2: Helpers. First shift 11:30 to 2:00, Second shift 1:30 to 4:00, cleanup crew starting at 3:30. Each shift we need 4-6 runners to move dinners from social hall to west vestibule, 4-6
- delivery people to get dinners from west vestibule to cars, 4 people to sell tickets, and as many as are able to clean up. *Extra help appreciated*.
- To volunteer, go to our special sign-up page at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA4A729A57-mckownville
- Click on one of the time slots, go to bottom of page and click [submit and sign up]. On the next page, give your name, email contact, and telephone contact. Go to bottom of that page and click (sign up now). You are finished! You will get an email acknowledgement.
- Or send an email message to <u>henrywalter57@aol.com</u> with your name, time preference, and telephone/email contact.
- Masks: Covid-19 is still with us. All helpers must wear an suitable mask and must maintain appropriate social distance.
- Any questions? Call Chris Spencer (518) 605-2554 or Sarah Spencer (518) 605-0178.





TAKE OUT DINNERS ONLY

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 1st

TIME: 12:00 NOON TO 4:00 PM

LOCATION: MCKOWNVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1565 WESTERN AVENUE

ALBANY, NY 12203

COST: \$13.00

DINNER INCLUDES: 1/2 BAKED CHICKEN, DINNER ROLL, BAKED

POTATO, COLE SLAW, COOKIE, AND BOTTLE

OF WATER













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: Enjoy the Worship Service.

McKownville Church Finances



Our budget is funded by several sources. Giving for eleven weeks, January 1 through March 14, by individuals and families was \$47,886 (pledged, un-pledged and loose plate). Although building use is down, we received \$600 in rent. These are our largest income sources. As the threat from the Covid-19 pandemic eases this summer and into the fall, we expect attendance to increase and income to rise. This is likely to be a slow recovery.

In May 2020, we received \$30,900 in Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) monies as part of the federal program to avoid employee layoffs due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All of these funds were used in 2020; and, there will be no additional such funds this year.

We are being prudent in spending. January and February were cold and utility expenses were above usual. Thus, at the moment, we are experiencing a deficit. If you are behind in honoring your pledge, please try to catch up.

Our fund-raising event, the Brooks Chicken BBQ, comes in less than five weeks; and, we have committed to selling 1,000 chicken dinners. If we do, we will have raised about \$5,000. Please support the Chicken BBQ sale by purchasing a dinner and by spreading the news with your neighbors and friends. Finances are tight, we can always use a bit more, and we thank you for your diligence and generosity.



Planned Giving Defined...

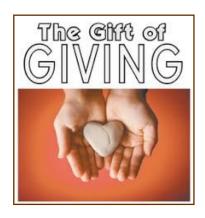
What is a "planned gift" anyway?

New to Planned Giving? Here's Where You Begin.

It's a gift that is planned now and realized at a future date. Most planned gifts are made as part of a person's overall financial planning. Financial planning is usually accomplished with the help of experienced professionals – financial advisors, accountants, and attorneys. Like many nonprofit organizations, McKownville United Methodist Church accepts planned gifts from its members and friends.

Planned Giving is people, people from all walks of life and all income levels. People who want to make a difference in the world. If you have a dream of making a significant gift to support the spiritual work of McKownville United Methodist Church, while building a financially secure future for yourself and your loved ones, Planned

Giving can make that dream a reality. If you would like more information, please contact Tom Myers.







The Guilderland Food Pantry

The Guilderland Food Pantry is still accepting donations for the "Backpack Program." The items they are in need of are as follows:

- ⇒ Tuna kits (pre-made tuna with crackers packaged together)
- ⇒ Microwave mac & cheese (individual size serving)
- ⇒ Microwave meals (Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, etc.)
- ⇒ Microwave Cup a Noodles
- ⇒ Microwave cold cereals
- ⇒ Laundry soap
- ⇒ Canned fruit cocktail
- ⇒ Juices



Thank you for your continued support....

Location

Guilderland Food Pantry 4 Charles Park Boulevard Guilderland, NY 12084

God bless you and your congregation. You continue to feed 145 families each month. 93 families participate in our holiday meal program. GFP



<u>UMCOR</u>



The Upper New York (UNY) Mission Central HUB is preparing for the coming spring to support survivors affected by the different disasters (floods and high winds) that may have impacted our area. In partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), UNY's status of kits on hand is low at best. The most requested items are cleaning and hygiene kits. Those who can support our communities by assembling kits in your homes or churches, please share projects so we can support your efforts and

possibly share your methods with others. Any number of kits will help.

Please review the list for contents of each kit. If you cannot provide complete kits, we can use individual items to help complete other kits that arrive incomplete. https://www.unyumc.org/mission/umcor-supply-list.

The Mission Central HUB is still closed; but, if items are delivered to the church, a member of the Outreach Team will make sure the kits get to the HUB.

Hygiene Kit List



- ◆ One hand towel (15x25— 17x27" and no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels)
- ♦ One wash cloth (no kitchen; cleaning; or microfiber towels)
- One comb (must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth; no pocket combs or picks; and rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6" of teeth)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or metal nail files)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger and no lvory or Jergen's soap—do not remove packaging)
- One adult tooth brush (do not remove from packaging and personal advertising not acceptable.
- ◆ Ten adhesive bandages (3/4x3" and common household bandages acceptable).
- ♦ One one-gallon size of resealable bags

Cleaning Kit List



- ◆ One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35"h x 12.19"d x 12.19"d; no screw lids; may be used but cleaned; and advertisement is acceptable.)
- ♦ One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- ♦ One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner and no spray cleaners)
- ♦ One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap
- ♦ One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (must have protective covers and a pack of 10-20 wipes is also acceptable)
- One scrub brush (with or without handle)
- 18 re-usable cleaning wipes (no terry cloth, microfiber or paper towels and remove from packaging)
- Five scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them and remove from packaging)
- ♦ 36-50 clothespins
- ♦ One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)
- ◆ 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon size and remove from packaging)
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness and no surgical masks)

MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS



Scheduled Meetings:

Please Note the Following:

- The Trustee Meetings will now be held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- Due to COVID 19, our monthly church meetings are currently being held using ZOOM.





APRIL DUTIES CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS/</u> <u>USHERS</u> | <u>WORSHIP</u> <u>LEADERS</u> | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Easter Sunday Hospital | Not applicable at this time | Not applicable at this time | | |
| April 11th | Not applicable at this time | Not applicable at this time | | |
| April 18th | Not applicable at this time | Not applicable at this time | | |
| April 25th | Not applicable at this time | Not applicable at this time | | |

Please note...

Due to COVID-19, we are currently not seeking volunteers to be ushers, greeters, or acolytes at this time. We will keep you updated...

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.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Belated March Anniversaries

- 15 David & Cathy Wells
- 16 Bill & Jackie Tureby
- 28 Jerry & Vicki Lockman



Belated March Birthdays

- 15 Anthony Esposito23
- 23 Connie Stott



April Anniversaries

- 11 Paul & Beth Berger
- 12 Paul & Barb Cullen
- 22 Chris & Noreen VanDoren



April Birthdays2

- 1 Darcianne Leizer
- 2 Teri Scoville
- 4 Kim Keane
- 7 Bill Seim
- 8 Susan Burns
- 11 David Gooding
- 12 Morgan Jones
- 14 Liam Keane
- 15 Paul Cullen
- 16 Kathy Liotta
- 16 Ashley Wiel
- 17 Meagan Markessinis
- 17 Matthew Steffens
- 18 Laura Marotta
- 19 Rick O'Hare
- 20 Judy Bliven
- 20 Julie Evans
- 24 Donna Bender



APRIL 2021



Join Us For *Holy Week*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | | | | 7:-00 pm service | 7:00 pm service | 3 |
| 9:00 am service & 11:00 am service Firster Sundoy | 5 | 6 | 7 Outreach Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook | 12 | 13 Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook | 19 | 20 Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook | 26 Trustees Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 27 Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
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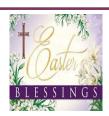
*Due to COVID19, the following rehearsal times are as all on hold:

3:00 pm Ignite Rehearsal

4:30 pm Wesley Ringers

5:45 pm New Song Rehearsal

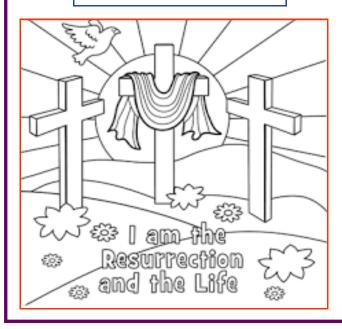
6:30 pm Reborn Rehearsal

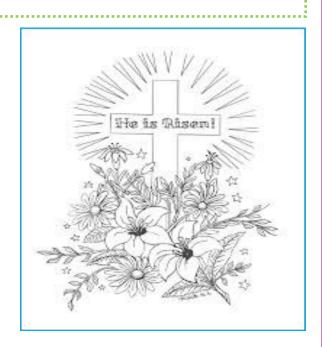


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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Christine Gould, Church Secretary

Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

Board of Trustees:

Chair & Sexton Liaison: James Stott

Vice-Chair & Furnishings,

Building Use Coordinators: Kelly Visker

Nancy Rhodes

Leases & Legal Affairs: Noreen Van Doren

Grounds & Planned

Maintenance: Tom Myers

Insurance: Nancy Pullen

<u>Furniture:</u> Kelly Visker

Ministry Teams:

Leadership Council: Kim Keane, Team Leader

<u>Staff/Parish Relations</u>: Teri Scoville, George Jeneczko, Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Nancy Rutenber, Tricia Stott, Diane Steffens, Frank D'Ambrosio & Pat Beauregard

Finance: Henry Walter, Team Leader

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