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*Love God, Follow Jesus,
and Pass it On*

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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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

ANNUAL CROP WALK

On Sunday, May 2nd, we are participating in the and help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us with your steps and donations to provide meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world.

For more information, the walk team page can be found at:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/mckownville-umc>

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Stott at:
 518-221-8643.

Please donate to our team today. Thank you....



WORSHIP SERVICES



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

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 to know our church family better!
- Simply go to 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.



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. 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.



SENSE OF DIRECTION

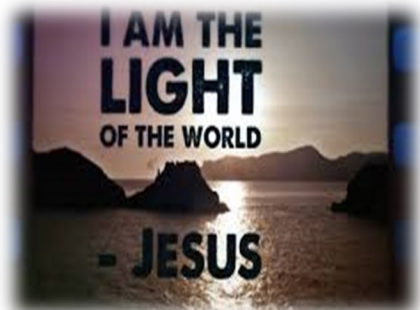


Sense of direction, that instinctive or intuitive feeling of knowing which direction you're headed, or which way to go at an intersection without the use of navigation system. Some (many!) years ago when I was early on in my career, I had to travel to a coastal port to oversee the loading of a cargo ship. My job was to inspect the hold of the ship, which was six stories down below the main deck. The hold was enormous and as I walked around with a flashlight in near total darkness, I suddenly realized everything looked the same and I had no idea how to get back to the exit ladder. In a moment of panic, I stopped and looked around in every direction, which did not help at all. The more rational side of my mind finally kicked back in gear, and I looked up to find the light that was shining through the small passageway far above me that I initially descended through. Once I saw that, I relaxed and made my way over toward the exit.

I think back now on that experience and wonder just how many other times I've found myself in a similar situation. And I would guess that many of us can attest to the same. Maybe we haven't found ourselves in the hold of a cargo ship, but let's stop and think for a moment – *How many times have we gotten confused and lost perspective? Perhaps with our thoughts, our careers, our relationships, and many other aspects of our lives?? And when we look around us, we can't see a path that will lead us to a better spot?* But again, thinking back to my near panic moment in that ship, the answer was to **“stop, look up and find the light,”** which immediately calmed me down and led me to where I needed to go.

And so it is with our lives and with all the times we lose our sense of direction. Looking around us seldom brings us peace and the direction we need to go, BUT, looking up to the Lord, and seeing His Light shine always provides us with the inner peace and comfort, knowing that He is there, always looking over us, and pointing us in the direction we need to go for safety, freedom, and the peace of mind that only He can provide.

We just can't find our “way out” without the Light of the Lord. We can search for hours, days or even years looking around us, but just like being in the bottom of that ship, we can wander in darkness and make little to no progress. It takes our Faith in Jesus to stop and look up and pray for His guidance; knowing that the Light from above will always be there to guide our paths and remain constant in our lives. His Light is the compass we need to take our next steps in the right direction.



Rely on Jesus, the Light from above, ***it's the only way to find our Way!***

Enjoy the warmth and blessings of the Spring,
Dom Perfetti

Healing Ministry

A PICTURE OF A WOMAN

Welcome, to our Ministry of Healing... WE ARE WISHING ALL THE MOTHERS A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.'



All mothers are special and unique in their own way. They need to be honored by their families and by the society. I want to introduce King Lemuel's mother, who said an Acrostic Poem about a strong woman and a wife. Her poem fits for all the families that we can read, specially on the Mother's Day. This poem is in our Bible in the Book Of Proverb, Chapter 31. Each of its 22 verses begins with one of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, in order.

We can understand that all mothers have different personalities, feelings ,and life styles. But to carry a baby in a part of their body for 9 months and then deliver their baby is a great gift in their life. Being that I am a midwife, licensed in my home country of India, I had quiet a few good experiences conducting deliveries of babies in India, and also in Sana'a, the Capital of Yemen. After the mother had delivered her baby and I received the fresh baby in my hands, which was created by God, it was such a precious moment for me. Also, the new-born baby with a cry and just opening their eyes and looking at me, was such a priceless moment for me.. Then to give the baby to its Mother, Oh! What a blessing to see that mother's joy and the baby on her chest. Even now I give my thanks to our Lord, Jesus Christ, for this opportunity which was given in my life.

Mothers are a blessing in every home and for all families. How can we better know a mother or an idle woman. We have to read the following Proverb 31. Women or mothers have a stronger character and great wisdom. They may also have many skills. For example, have great compassion, are excellent wives and mothers, a manufacturer, an importer, a manager, a realtor, a farmer, a merchant, have dignity, have reverence of God, have outstanding abilities, a high social position, a patriot of idle womanhood, learn from her industry, have integrity, and are resourceful.



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We may not see this in every mother; but, every mother has some of the above gifts. In our present world, some are looking at their physical appearance. We must look at their hard work, their fear of God, and have their faith.

They need encouragement and appreciation. Of course, every family will celebrate Mother's Day. We also must remember to wish and pray those who are waiting for a child, for those who are waiting to deliver their baby, and to become a mother.



Can we remember in our prayers for the children who have no mothers; but, all of their other relatives. Let us Pray..."God almighty, Creator of this universe, bless each and every mother, and their families. We thank you on behalf all the mothers around the world. Those who are sick in bed, bless healing over them. Those who are in labor rooms, bless them have for a safe delivery of their babies. Those who are in hospitals and nursing homes, let all those mothers be blessed by your love and care. May all the families who are gathering have wonderful Mother's Day and celebrations. We ask you all these blessing in the name of you Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



***Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing***

UMCOR



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. This event will take place between the months of April and May 2021. 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 Ivory 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)

Planned Giving Defined...



Planned Giving Brochure.pub

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

Charitable bequests are made through a will, a legal document specifying how an individual's property is to be distributed after death. Talking about estate planning may be uncomfortable, but it can be critically important to those we leave behind. Completing a will ensures your assets are collected and distributed to family, loved ones, and charity. And your estate plan serves as a testament to who you are, your values, and your legacy.

Bequests are:

- *Flexible* – You can change your will or bequest provisions at any time.
- *Stable* – You control the property during your lifetime, so making a bequest to your church will not impact your standard of living.
- *Important* – Bequests are the most frequently completed legacy gift, and may allow you to make a much larger gift to the church than would otherwise be possible.

If you would like more information, please contact Tom Myers.

The Guilderland Food Pantry

In spite of the pandemic, we are still accepting donations.
The donations needed 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
- ⇒ Canned fruit
- ⇒ Dish soap

Juices
Paper towels



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



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

Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church celebrates, during the church year, special Sundays that illustrate the nature and calling of the Church. These special Sundays, approved by General Conference, are the only Sundays of church-wide emphasis. The special Sundays are placed on the calendar in the context of the Christian year, so as to make clear the calling of the Church as the people of God. Several of these give persons an opportunity to contribute to special programs.

Dates of Church-wide Offerings (indicated by asterisks) are set by General Conference. These offerings do deeds expressive of our Christian commitment. Annual Conferences may also determine other Special Sundays with or without offerings.

Human Relations Day*	1/17	Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr federal holiday
One Great Hour of Sharing*	3/14	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Native American Awareness Sunday*	4/18	Third Sunday of Easter Season
Heritage Sunday	4/23	April 23 or the following Sunday
Peace with Justice Sunday*	5/23	First Sunday after Pentecost
Christian Education Sunday		Date set by each Annual Conference
Golden Cross Sunday – recognition of retired pastors		Date set by each Annual Conference
Rural Life Sunday		Date set by each Annual Conference
World Communion Sunday*	10/3	First Sunday in October
Laity Sunday	10/17	Third Sunday in October
United Methodist Student Day*	11/28	Last Sunday in November

(These special Sundays do not take precedence over particular days in the Christian year.)

To make a contribution to any of these causes, write a check to “McKownville U M C” and on the memo line write the name of the cause you wish to support. It is helpful to the tellers if you write separate checks for a special cause and for your regular church offering. Place your special offering in the collection plate. Your designation will be noted by the Financial Secretary on your annual statement of giving. For some of these special offerings there may be designated envelopes on a rack in the back of the sanctuary. Ask an usher. For details, check the website of the United Methodist Church, special Sundays.

In addition to these denominational special offerings, McKownville Church has a special connection with Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Dr. Emmanuel Mefor directs the hospital; his wife Florence Mefor is a nurse. The hospital has an eye clinic and a residential unit for expecting mothers so they learn skills needed to care for their infant. There is an associated school K-12 nearby. July 2017 two members of our church were part of a team to Mutambara to help with expecting mothers and to paint part of the school. To support the hospital, write “Advance #3022286” on the memo line; to support Dr. Mefor, write “UMC Missionaries #13990Z” on the memo line; to support Mrs. Mefor, write “UMC Missionaries #13991Z”.

These special offerings are above and beyond your regular giving. Your regular giving supports our pastor, staff, educational program, senior ministries, outreach, and physical plant.



PARSONAGE UPDATE...

A great big thank-you to everyone who was able to attend the Church Conference on April 25th. The Church Conference was comprised of live attendees and people zooming in. This was our first attempt at a hybrid meeting, but it worked well. Thanks for your patience as we worked through the process. The motion that was presented was to approve the purchase of 12 Ableman Ave and the vote passed 33-3. The committee will now meet to address all the actual costs associated with the anticipated construction and work with the contractor. Once a full financial plan is developed, a charge conference will be held to vote on the financing portion of the purchase. Again, thank you all for your continued prayer and support for this project.



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.

MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS

Scheduled 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.....	Fourth Monday at 6:00 pm
Worship Team.....	Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

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.





MAY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
May 2nd	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
May 9th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
May 16th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
May 23rd	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.***



USHERS & GREETERS
make our guests
WELCOME!

MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

Belated April Anniversaries

20 Chris & Noreen VanDoren

Belated April Birthdays

1 Darcianne Leizer
4 Kim Keane
7 Bill Seim
14 Liam Keane
16 Ashley Weil
20 Judy Bliven

May Anniversaries

2 Anthony & Lucille Esposito
19 Henry Walter & Dorothy Ellinwood
25 Arthur & Donna Bender
26 John & Wendy Fox

May Birthdays

6 Zachary Visker
9 Jackson Wells
10 Robert Griffin
14 Patrick Braun
16 Marion Leizer
17 Chris VanDoren
22 Loren Meharry
26 Barbara O'Neill
28 Kerry Ann Williams
29 Patrick Beauregard
29 Lucille Esposito
29 Jackie Tureby



MAY 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Visuals Team 2:30 pm (over ZOOM)	3	4	5 Outreach Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM)	6	7	8
9 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	10	11 Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	17	18 Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	24 Trustees Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM)	25 Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	26	27	28	29
23 Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	31 Memorial Day 					

****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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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

Furniture: Kelly Visker

Ministry Teams:

Leadership Council: Kim Keane, Team Leader

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

Finance: Henry Walter, Team Leader
Treasurer & Payroll: Tim Pierce
Finance Secretary: To be Determined

Worship: Jeff Landon, Team Leader

Evangelism through Outreach: Darcianne Leizer,
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader
Senior Ministries: Darcianne Leizer, Team Leader