

# McKownville Church News

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

*Spirit Filled, Mission Driven*

*Articles for the July/August  
2021 News Letter are due  
by June 15th.*

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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**



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# Announcements

## WORSHIP IN THE PARK...

- Worship service will be held on Sunday, June 13th, at 10:00 am, at Tawasentha Park.
- Graham Clarke, Jackson Wells, and Riley Meharry will be confirmed during this service.
- If you would like to stay in the park for the picnic following worship, please bring your own food and comfortable chairs.
- Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!!



## VISUAL MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



The visuals ministry team is looking for people to help create, edit, and run the Sunday morning visuals/slide shows. During the pandemic, we learned reaching people both in person and digitally is important. However, having one worship service that connects with people both in person and on-the-web site, requires us to prepare and deliver worship with some new and evolving tools and skill sets. It also requires a few more people than we currently have to support this spiritually meaningful and quality worship experience for all. So, we are looking for volunteers who:

- Have an interest in expanding their worship involvement beyond attending worship to being more active in designing, delivering, and making disciples through worship.
- Have skills or abilities in preparing videos or power point presentations or would like to learn.
- Have time and ideas on how to support worship both in person and on the web site.

If this interests you, or you hear a call to make disciples through the worship experience, please contact Paul Krekeler at (518) 456-6785 or at Krekeler23@aol.com.

## 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.



# Announcements

## BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ

- We sold 900 chicken dinners between Saturday and Sunday.
- We gave the remaining 100 chicken dinners to a local EMS rescue squad and a downtown Rescue Mission.
- Thanks to all those workers who made this happen.
- See you in October!!



## ANNUAL CROP WALK

- "Thank You" to everyone who participated in this year's Annual CROP Walk.
- The McKownville United Methodist Church raised \$1,015 in donations.
- \$79,319 was collected in the Albany area and funds will stay locally.
- See you next in the spring of 2022!



## ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

- The Girl Scout Troop 1003 will be holding its annual sock drive for the homeless shelters.
- Donations will be accepted from Sunday, May 23rd, through Sunday, June 13th.
- The collection box will be in the back of the sanctuary.
- Thank you all for your support.



## OUTREACH TEAM



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.



## WORSHIP SERVICES



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



OR



## 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.



# JUST ASK...



Ok, so maybe it's true that not everyone likes to ask for directions. There's been a rumor going around for years that men, especially, won't ask for directions, or read directions! (Not sure if that's true or not, but I'll let the reader be the judge on that one. ☐) Clearly, with the availability of navigation systems in our cars, the need to stop and ask someone for directions has diminished to nearly zero, but has our mindset changed? *Do some of us still resist turning on the navigation system because we believe we can find the best way on our own?*

Let's take a deeper look. Why is it that we hesitate in asking for directions, or help in general? Is it out of a sense of pride? *Why would we rely on our "gut feel" instead of using the latest technology that sends us verbal directions from a reliable satellite system that can see everything from miles above us??* Sometimes we may not even have an answer for why we don't ask for help, but we just don't. Whatever the motivation is to find our own way, many times we seem willing to accept the negative consequences of getting lost, or perhaps missing out on something special simply because we didn't ask for help. I suppose this is our human nature, to be independent, to make our own decisions and tackle life's challenges as they come. But as strong of an instinct that this can be, is it anywhere close to how Jesus wants us to be thinking? So many times we take things on ourselves, perhaps we don't even discuss them with those closest to us. Sure, there are times when we "make it through" on our own, but did we miss out on something greater? Something that perhaps God was calling us to do through the help of others?? The Lord is there for every circumstance in our lives, He's looking to help and guide us at a moment's notice!!

Like the satellite system that can see every road and turn from above so much clearer than we can with our limited view, Jesus goes far beyond any current technology and can guide our hearts and minds throughout our entire lives, and all we need to do is call on His Holy Name, and he will be there for us. And as we find with so many times in our lives, our human nature approach is the opposite of what Jesus teaches us. As we strive to be independent from our human perspective, Jesus reminds us to be completely dependent on Him, as He is to His Father. And only with complete dependency do we have the true peace and freedom that can only come from Him.

Jesus is on the ready for all of our cares, worries, fears, anxieties, joys and celebrations. He wants to be with us every step of the way. If we need help, guidance or directions,.....***Just Ask!!***

*Enjoy the summer months and have a blessed week,  
Dom Perfetti*

*The Path to Jesus ... One Step At a Time*



# Healing Ministry

## **A FATHER OF INTEGRITY**



Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. We are wishing all the fathers, "A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY" and may God the Father bless them. Amen.

If you hear this, "Begin or Start," where are you going to begin? Maybe some of the fathers are struggling and saying, "Where to begin and how to begin?" How can I be a good father for my family? Because some of the fathers are rejected, separated, or lost in his family. I am encouraging every dad, by saying, "THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU." Whatever has happened, wipe your tears no matter how dark the world and your problem seem. God the Father, is calling you; and, he has a plan for you. No matter how useless you are feeling or separated from the family, God is loving you. Come to Him. He wants to use you in his plan. "Begin or Start," trust in God.

Because of God's love, he created you in the image of Himself. Feel how much love he has for you. He created Adam and Eve, and they disobeyed God. Noah was kept alive, because he obeyed God and made the ark. Abraham was called by God and asked him to leave his country and generations and he obeyed. He received the name of "Father of the Nations." Isaac never demanded or refused God's plan of laying on the Rock of Mount Moriah as an offering to God.

Jacob made many mistakes. He worked harder for 14 years to Laban. He never gave up on God's plan for his life. Joseph was sold as a slave to Egypt. He was sentenced in the prison as a prisoner. But he never did anything wrong for it. His life experiences were teaching everyone to just obey God. God uplifted Joseph to be the governor of Egypt.

No matter how bad or complicated your situation is, just come to God the Father; and, He will strengthen you and guide you for Father's Day. The bible translator wrote, our galaxy where we live right now is spinning 490,000 miles per hour. Some of the scientists say the stars are countless and are equal to the sand on the beach. Why does God want to create all this for us? God doesn't want to be alone. He wants to share his love as the Father in Heaven. He wants to express how much he loves you and everyone. Even today, there are many debates about the creation of our world. He created everything for us with his great love and to give a special place for us. After he created everything, he appreciated and said, "It is good." ( Genesis 1:9 )

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Before he created man, God the Father said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness," (Genesis 1:26). Why did God use the plural form? Why did God say, "Let us?" Because God is Trinity, the Father, Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are all in one. Job said, "The Spirit of God has made me, the breath of the Almighty gives me." (Job 33:4). Psalm 104:30 says, "When you send your Spirit, they are created." Colossians 1:16 says, "For, by him, all things were created in heaven and on earth."

We are part of his creation. Let us remember that God created us for a good plan, purpose, and a valuable reason. Life's struggles, criticism, and downgrading all these will heal by the love of God the Father. Let us ask ourselves, "What are we doing to please God in our lives?" Every dad is valuable to his family and a person of worth. God had chosen you to give mysteries and miracles in your life. Celebrate Father's Day! Amen.

LET US BOW OUR HEADS AND SHARE OUR PRAYERS TO GOD THE FATHER:



"God of Trinity, thank you for your love for us. Bless all the father's , families and children. May your special blessings fill every one and every home. May your healing presence surround those families who need healing on this Father's Day. We honor you and pray in the name of your only begotten Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our forgiveness and salvation. Amen, Amen, Amen.



Olive Ezekiel  
Minister for Healing



## Planned Giving Defined...



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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.



# 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.

## ***PARSONAGE UPDATE...***

The parsonage committee recently received financial information from the bank regarding options for purchasing 12 Ableman Avenue. This information is being shared with the finance team so that they have an opportunity to assess the different options. Once a recommendation is agreed upon, a charge conference will be held to vote on the proposed financing of the purchase and renovations.



**12 ABLEMAN AVENUE  
ALBANY, NY 12203**

## ***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 (*Varies as needed*)  
Trustees Team.....Fourth Monday at 6:00 pm  
Worship Team.....Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

### *Please Note the Following:*

- ♦ *The Visuals Team will meet on an as-needed basis.*
- ♦ The Trustee Meetings are now being 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.







# JUNE DUTIES CALENDAR

<u><b>DATE</b></u>	<u><b>GREETERS/ USHERS</b></u>	<u><b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b></u>
June 6th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
June 13th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
June 20th	Not applicable at this time	Not applicable at this time
June 27th	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!**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARIES



### BIRTHDAYS

#### *Anniversaries*

- 5 George and Adrianne "Connie" Stott
- 10 Amy and Christopher DeVall
- 11 Stephen H and Nancy Clarke
- 18 Nancy and Rev. Alan Rhodes
- 28 Mary and Oakley Neitzel
- 29 Mark and Darlene Staats
- 29 Harold and Kerry Ann Williams

#### *Birthdays*

- 4 Cathy Wells
- 8 Mikayla Keane
- 10 Riley H Meharry
- 12 Paul Krekeler
- 23 Helen Knight
- 24 Kelly Visker
- 27 George Janeczko
- 28 Amy DeVall
- 30 Matthew O'Brien



# JUNE 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Outreach Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM)	3	4	5
6  Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook  Visuals Team (Varies as Needed) 2:30 pm (over ZOOM)	7	8  Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	9	10	11	12
13  Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	14	15  Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	16	17  Annual Charge Conference June 17-19	18	19
20  Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	21	22  Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	23	24	25	26
27  Sunday Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	28  Trustees Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM)	29	30			

## PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Due to COVID19, Until further notice, these rehearsal times are on hold:

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

Visual team meetings:

Varies as needed.....  
2:30pm on the first Sunday of the month

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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

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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

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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