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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



VISUAL MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to become more involved with your church? Volunteers are welcome for the following:

- Visuals Ministry—Contact Paul Krekeler or Tom Myers
- Tellers—Contact Chris Visker

CAN YOU “OFFICE SIT?”

- ◆ We need volunteers to “office sit” when Christine, our AA, is out.
- ◆ Please email mckownumc@verizon.net or call the office at (518) 456-1148.
- ◆ Let us know what days of the week you would be available.



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!

ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 11th Annual National Night Out celebration will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Tawasentha Park from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Our church has participated in this community event for several years. Annually, over 15,000 communities across the United States join forces and celebrate National Night Out. It is a night for the community to come together to promote a Police Community Partnership through crime, drug, and violence awareness and prevention and neighborhood unity.



Come out and see various displays by emergency medical service agencies, local fire departments and neighboring police agencies along with community groups like our church, children’s activities, music and vendors, offering a lighter side of the evening, all while abiding by the New York State COVID-19 guidelines that are in place at the time of the event.

If you would like to participate in the event with members of the Outreach Team, let any member of the Outreach Team know. The more the merrier. It is always a fun event!

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.



“WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH” SUNDAY

- ◆ Sunday, September 19, 2021
- ◆ More details to follow...



ALL OF THE ABOVE

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

A B

C D

ALL THE ABOVE



Some of you reading this article may have just completed your final exams, while others may have not taken an exam in years. (That's a good thing!!) Remember the multiple-choice exams? We all knew the right answer was right in front of us, but which one was it?? Was it a, b, c or d? The more complicated tests would have answers like "a and b, but not c, "a, b and d" "none of the above" or "all of the above." I'm sure we can all remember how confusing the tests could be, especially if we weren't well-prepared.

We may not be taking written multiple-choice exams in the classroom these days, but it can sure feel like we're taking quizzes and exams each day as we're faced with many questions, challenges and decisions. Many times we have multiple choices, and we're just not sure of the right answers.

The choices we make on a daily basis are very important for today, and also shape our futures. We want to keep our families and ourselves safe and healthy. We want to do our best to meet the needs of others, and of course we constantly need to keep up with our changing world so that when it comes time to make a decision, we have the right information to make the right choice.

How do we keep up with a world that's moving at warp speed with subjects like technology, changing health issues, maintaining a safe environment and so many other issues?? As complicated as it can be to find the answers to all the "multiple choice" questions, we do have Sources to rely upon that will consistently help us find the right answers.

All of us have so many challenges and questions to answer, and we may feel overwhelmed on where to even begin looking for the answers. But in life's medley of daily options and unknowns, we can always make the right choice to by first aligning our hearts and minds with our God above.

We know we'll be facing a multiple choice test each day we awaken, so let's go with the surefire plan will always lead us to the right choice. As we approach the day, and wonder about the decisions we need to make to get us over the next obstacle, let's always remember that as we look at the choices, we know that: **A.** God is with us everywhere and any time, **B.** Jesus walked among us, is with us and knows exactly what is in our hearts, and **C.** The Holy Spirit is our Lord's gift to us to *always* bring us the peace and guidance we need to navigate the waters ahead of us.

So, as we look ahead to the "quizzes and tests" that we face each day, let's always remember that the best answer is always looking up to God, His Son and the Holy Spirit. In other words, the answer is simple, it's always.....**All of the Above!!**



Have a wonderful and blessed summer season,

Dom Perfetti

Healing Ministry



Welcome and thank all of you for supporting our Ministry of Healing. I prayed and asked the Lord, Jesus Christ, "What message can I share for the newsletter?" It came in my heart to write about food and health.



In our world, people are searching for healthy food, perfect health, and are researching this. In our Bible, we also have guidance about good food; and, how people were craving to eat the food they liked. Some people are addicted to some kinds of food. If we read Exodus Chapter 16:1-3, "the whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin. The area is filled with sand and stones. No food or water to be found. The Israelites grumbled and missed how they were in Egypt". If only we had meat to eat. We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost along with the cucumber, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. But

now we have lost our appetite. We never see anything but this manna!"

The Israelites sounded like they were craving for food that they wanted; and, they complained to Moses about their favorite food. Craving is more than unnatural or greedy desire for not only food, but for other things also. Our stomachs will take any food; yet, one food is better than another. We cannot be greedy for every delicacy, and do not eat, without restraint. Do not reach out your hand for everything you see?

The same way are we thinking always what we want as we like? Are we craving food as we like. We can read in our Bible about Daniel 1:1-17. 605 B C Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylonia took Jerusalem from the King of Judah. He brought the wisest men and beautiful women to Babylonia as captives. The King of Babylonia brought the Israelites from the royal family and nobility. They were to be trained for three years in the academic program including mathematics, astronomy, history, science, and magic.



There were four young men selected, Daniel, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah. The king assigned them daily food and wine from the king's table; but, Daniel resolved not to defile himself with royal food and wine. Resolve is a strong word means devote to principle and committed discipline action. He asked the royal chief official, "Give me nothing but the water and the vegetables." (Daniel 1:12) but the royal chief official gave the wine to drink and vegetables. After ten days, they looked healthier than the other captives. We also feel cravings for some food we eat. Maybe we get up in the middle of the night and search for something to eat? It is a temptation to certain food. How were Daniel and his friends able to overcome from the temptation of favorable food. Sometimes it is easy to resist our temptation.

Daniel and his friends made a plan to be faithful to the commandments of God. They ate a vegetarian diet for three years and they were healthy and handsome young men among all the others. Those who were suffering from craving food, needed healing. It is better off to be poor and healthy and fit, than rich and affliction in the body. Health and fitness are better than gold. There is no wealth better than a healthy body and no gladness above any joy of heart.

To solve our problems, careful thought is needed to rearranging our needs or priorities. Discussions with counselors, resisting our thoughts to stress, praying to quiet our thoughts, emotionally, relaxing, and preparing to listen to God for healing. Are we thinking how grateful our God is? Are we thinking always about what we want? Are we complaining about food?

Let us bow our heads and pray for healing....

Lord, Jesus Christ, we hold each others hands and ask for our healing. You are the Master of Healer for all. May our craving for food and temptation be healed by your power of healing. Help us to eat the right foods to keep our bodies healthy. You said that our body is the temple of God. Help us to obey you and follow you. We are offering our thanks and praises to you. In our weakness, let your strength fill our body, mind, and soul. Lead and guide us to remember your commandments. Encourage us to go forward to live and honor your name. We are praying this in your precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing

Planned Giving Defined...



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

What are three most popular types of planned gifts?

1. Beneficiary Designation—You can designate your church as the beneficiary to an insurance policy, bank account, brokerage account, or retirement plan. This gift is simple to give and easy to arrange. It usually just requires the donor to sign a beneficiary designation form provided by the plan or account administrator.
2. Bequests—A bequest is a gift made through a will or living trust. There is no cost to the donor during their lifetime and is revocable. It only requires a simple codicil if the donor has an existing will or trust. Sample bequest language is available.
3. Blended Gift—This is a combination of an immediate and planned gifts.

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
- ⇒ Juices
- ⇒ Dish soap
- ⇒ Paper towels
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Laundry soap



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.

| | | |
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| 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.

Thank You

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 has some very exciting news. A charge conference was held to approve the financial plan for the purchase of the parsonage. This financial plan was voted on and passed. The next step was for the Board of Building and Location to grant final approval. A zoom meeting was set up with this board in order to address any of their concerns or questions. Everyone on the board was very nice and they only had a few questions. They passed the motion unanimously! This means that we are finalized for the purchase of 12 Ableman Avenue.

We are currently waiting for the title insurance to come in and then a deed will be drawn up so that we can move forward. We are so excited that we will be able to move ahead in this endeavor. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers in this effort.



12 Abelman Avenue,
Guilderland, New York



WOMEN TOGETHER



We missed not being able to get together for most of a year but have started again. Our small group is set to meet on the 4th Friday in the afternoon. We began as 5 women in 2014 when we were new widows.



In 2017 we started filling BUCKETS for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

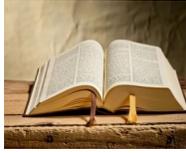
We now put together 2 buckets each Jan., April, July, Oct. At the end of this summer we will have completed 29. The Albany District takes them to the Syracuse church hub and they are ready to be shipped out when disaster strikes. We each have our bucket list and buy the items which collectively cost about \$75/ bucket.

This year we've been introduced to HYGIENE KITS. You probably saw the list in a recent monthly letter. God works in wonderful ways: a church couple called and gave us \$300. to buy supplies and we assembled 35 kits at our June meeting.

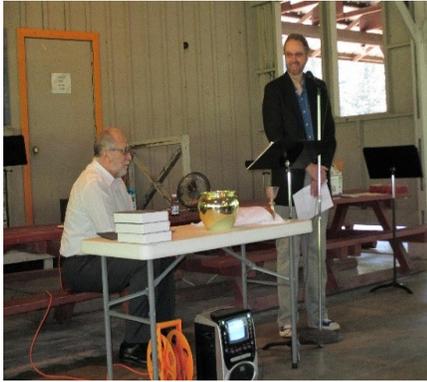
These projects are done under our church outreach team chaired by Darcianne Leizer.

And we are WOMEN TOGETHER: Emma Herendeen, Pauline Martin, Dorothy Ellinwood, Nan Pullen, Marilyn Johnston, Helen Knight, Sandy Smith, Judy Bliven, Janet Chilelli, and Sue Lord.





“WORSHIP IN THE PARK 2021”



McKownville United Methodist Church met for worship in Tawasentha Park on Sunday, June 13, 2021 (after missing 2020 there because of COVID-19). Pine Grove UMC joined with McKownville and expect to invite McKownville to join with them later, after they have built a pavilion near their church (for which they have recently received permission). Voices of all rang out in song. While this was Confirmation Sunday, there were other events to also celebrate/commemorate. (Pictured on the left are Pastors Jeff Landon and Al Johnson.)

Three persons in James Stott’s high school class were honored for their upcoming graduation: Rachael Guyer, Loren Meharry, Zach Visker. (Pictured on the right are James Stott, our church’s high school teacher ,and the SS graduates).



Diane and Chris Steffens and son Jack (who was absent) were wished well in their soon leaving McKownville for Maryland after fifteen years here. Son Matt is staying. (Pictured on the left are Chris, Matt, Diane Steffens, and Pastor Jeff Landon.)

Three confirmands, Graham Clarke, Riley Meharry, and Jackson Wells, were confirmed as members of the McKownville United Methodist Church in the presence of their parents and mentors and received communion with the rest of the attendees, one act they had not been able to do during their virtual instruction. (Pictured on the right are the three new confirmed members of the church.)



Those who brought lunches ate in fellowship.

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.



JULY/AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

July Anniversaries

20 Pat & Christy Beauregard



August Anniversaries

15 Matthew & Colleen O'Brien
 16 Christopher & Kelly Visker
 19 Ralph & Marion Leizer
 24 Mike & Kim Keane
 31 Brian & Denise Reed



July Birthdays

1 Linda Faulkner
 2 Jack Steffens
 2 Stephanie DeVall
 2 Suzana Cardoso
 2 Vicki Lockman
 8 Ashley Visker
 10 James Stott
 15 Melissa J. Landon
 17 Ayako Kubo
 18 Kimberly Janeczko
 20 Arthur Bender
 20 Eugene Gee
 23 Cheri Perrillo
 23 Grant Visker
 23 Ralph Leizer
 28 Oakley Neitzel
 28 Scott Rosencrans



August Birthdays

2 Connor Rosencrans
 8 Michael Ware
 10 Christina Beauregard
 12 Jessica VanDoren
 16 Hills Alfred
 16 Sudeep Ross
 27 George Stott
 29 Sherie Braun





JULY DUTIES CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u> | <u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| July 4 | Not applicable at this time | Tom Myers |
| July 11 | Not applicable at this time | Angela Stott |
| July 18 | Not applicable at this time | Henry Walter |
| July 25 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |

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!



AUGUST DUTIES CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u> | <u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| August 1 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |
| August 8 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |
| August 15 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |
| August 22 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |
| August 29 | Not applicable at this time | To be Determined |

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JULY 2021



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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

AUGUST 2021

Hello August

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|----------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Annual Night Out At Tawasentha Park  | 4 Outreach Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM) | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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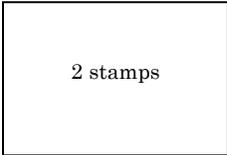
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Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Christine Gould, Church Secretary

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 Jenecko,
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