

McKownville Church News

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

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

*WISHING EVERYONE A
HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING!*

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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Are you looking for an opportunity to become more involved with your church?



- Visuals Ministry—Contact Paul Krekeler or Tom Myers
- Tellers—Contact Chris Visker
- Ushers/Greeters—Contact Stephanie DeVall

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- The empty shoe boxes are ready to be picked up.
- Bring your filled shoe boxes to the church no later than November 21st.
- Remember to include a check for the shipping fees.
- If you have any questions, please contact Noreen VanDoren.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Sunday School started up again on Sunday, September 12, 2021.
- Masks will be required.
- If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane.



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.



Announcements

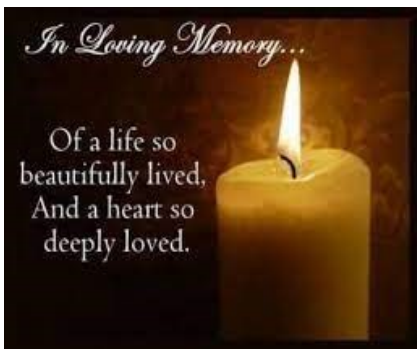
PRAYER CHAIN



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 Nancy Clarke at: (518) 456-5092; and, we will add your name to our list.



- ◆ Meals will be served from November through April.
- ◆ McKownville Church is committed to helping out on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
- ◆ If you would like to prepare a meal, contribute a dish, or just like more information, please contact Noreen VanDoren.



Adrienne Constance "Connie" Stott
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Announcements

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 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
- tT 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sunday worship services are held at 10:00 am.
- The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday.
- Everyone is welcome to worship with us in person or watch the service on line.



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!

NO MATTER WHAT!!!

I'll get it done, no matter what! Strong words can be used when we feel the resolve to make a firm commitment. We're going to get where we're going, do what we intend to do, or stop something from happening – *no matter what!* The phrase is used to indicate that we're committed, that nothing can get in our way or stop us. *But can this be true? Can we rely solely on ourselves to see a commitment through, or do we have the lingering thoughts of something going amiss along the way??*

**THINGS HAPPEN
SOMETIMES IN AN
UNEXPECTED WAY**

Let's face it, as strong as our resolve may be, we just can't anticipate or be prepared for all the "unexpecteds" that can happen along the way. Things change so fast, and obstacles can get in our way, that even when we make commitments – *no matter what* – we sometimes fail to meet them because of issues beyond our control. Sure, we can be disappointed and feel like we may have let others down, but often we've done our best and the understanding comes from others when they realize that there was simply a valid unforeseen reason. That's the way life is. We do our best to follow through with commitments, but we just can't "bat 1000." There are too many unknowns in our world, and even with best intentions, we can often fall short.

There is only one true reliable Source that can provide us with a never-failing *no matter what* approach, and that is our Lord Jesus. Jesus knows the intentions of our hearts, and when our plans suddenly get sidetracked, as long as our thoughts, prayers and hearts are aligned with placing the ultimate outcome with Jesus, there is no way we can fail, *no matter what!* Jesus knows that what we sometimes want or want to do so desperately may not be what's truly best for us, or not part of His ultimate plans for us. But He does know exactly what we need, when we need it, and precisely what our future holds.

When we pray to the Holy Spirit to guide us and provide us with the clarity we need to make our decisions and commitments, we simply cannot lose. Falling short of our own expectations can be very disappointing, but when we've put our plans in God's Hands and have done our best with Him in mind first, we can be sure that we've served others and our Lord to the best of our ability, regardless of the outcome.

Life throws tough decisions at us daily. Jesus will always listen to us – *no matter what*. Jesus will always be there for us as we pray for guidance and direction – *no matter what*. And Jesus is always there to love us and accept us as we are, knowing that we've done our best to follow His plans for our lives, and not our own – *no matter what*.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!
JESUS IS ALWAYS BY
YOUR SIDE!**

Our lives have our cycles of peace, as well as our times of turmoil. We always need to remember that Jesus is the steady force that calms the seas around us and the rock we can lean on whenever and wherever we are – *no matter what!!!*

Enjoy the beautiful Fall season,
Dom Perfetti

Ministry of Healing

Welcome, everyone to our Ministry of Healing. I wish all of you a "HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING." The month of November will bring so many thanks. Everyone will be busy preparing for the Thanksgiving Celebration. In the book of Exodus, the Israelites got freedom to leave Egypt after 480 yrs. Before they left Egypt to the Promise Land, they celebrated the first Thanksgiving of the First Passover. Moses, the servant of God said, "This observation will be you, like a sign on your hand, and remember on your forehead, that the Law of the Lord is to be on your lips. For the Lord brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand. You must keep these observations at the appointed time year after year." (Exodus 13:9)

Give thanks to
the Lord, for
he is good!
His faithful
love endures
forever.
Psalms 107:1

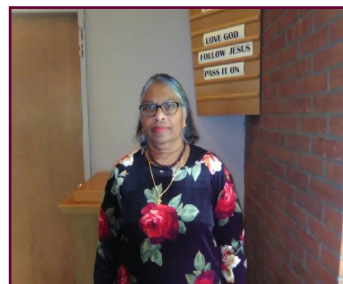
We can remember just like the Israelites our ancestors who found this Land of America, holding the bible in their hands, saying the commandments of our Lord, and saying the prayer of thanks. By their faith and prayers, today the whole world is here in this land. All the multicultural, and different religious families will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. Let us see when the people said, "THANKS" to each other. In the 12 century people said thanks, the meaning of this word stems of Latin word, "Tongere." The translation will be that 'I will remember what you have done for me.'

Psalm 136 is teaching us how to say thanks to our God and his creations. Psalm 138:7:1 says, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble you preserve me." Psalm 107:1 says, "Give thanks to Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever." Before we get busy, let us take a moment to sit, relax, and count how many ways the Lord helped us, how many blessings he gave us, providing healing, protected us from the pandemic virus, and blessed us to see this Thanksgiving Day. We can remember so many were healed, and so many thousands are gone from our world. May we remember those families in our Thanksgiving Day prayers – Still so many are suffering in the hospital and homes.

All the children who go to schools and colleges are protected. All those who go to work daily need to be safe and protected from the Covid 19 virus. Let us remember all those who are working on Thanksgiving Day. Before Thanksgiving Day, let us humble ourselves, bow our heads, and say our prayers of Thanksgiving to our Lord. After the first Temple Of Jerusalem was built, King Solomon dedicated the Temple of God to the Israelites and said, "But your heart must be committed to the Lord our God and to live by his commandments." (1 King 9:61)

Let us pray: "May the Lord, our God, be with you as he was with our forefathers. May he never leave us nor forsake us day or night. May he turn our hearts to him, walk in all his ways, and keep his commands, degrees, and regulations he gave our fathers. (1 Kings9:56-61.) Lord bless our Thanksgiving Day, and everyone around the Table of Thanksgiving. Lord, bless all the farmers and their families who work hard on the land to bring all these for us to eat and enjoy on this day. Lord bless us to be able to prosper in your word. Bless us as well as bless all what we need in our daily lives. We are asking this in the sweet name of the Son of God, Jesus Christ ". Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing



PARSONAGE UPDATE...

The house located at 12 Ableman Avenue, Albany was purchased on August 24, 2021 for \$195,000. In addition the church paid \$1,165.00 for Title Insurance, and \$357.00 in filing fees, for a total cost of \$196,522. As you may recall, the search for a parsonage began in March of 2019 and at that time, the search Committee was approved to find a house at a cost of up to \$300,000, based on an analysis of the real estate market at that time. Once 12 Ableman was identified as a possible purchase, the Committee spoke with two different construction contractors and we were given a quote of \$63,000 to construct an addition on the property to add a handicap accessible bathroom and laundry facilities on the first floor, in accordance with conference standards. Based on this quote, on April 25, 2021, a special church conference was held and a motion "To approve the purchase and renovation of 12 Ableman Avenue, Albany, NY as a parsonage at a cost of up to \$300,000" was passed.

In support of that motion, the Parsonage Committee had stated that the Church would obtain a mortgage/loan for up to \$200,000 and the remainder of the funds needed would be obtained through donations/fundraisers. That commitment remains unchanged.

Following that vote, the contractors we had previously been in contact with advised that construction prices had greatly increased and they now had other projects on their schedules, so could no longer work for us. After much research and effort, the Trustees finally found a construction firm who could fit our project into their fall 2021 schedule. Because of the impacts of COVID-19 on the construction industry, the quote has increased significantly

The Trustees have made every effort to limit the cost of the purchase and renovations to under \$300,000, and in fact, although the prices of houses in the area have greatly increased, we were able to purchase the property at a cost that is approximately \$40,000 less than the market rate. Unfortunately, due to COVID, and the increased cost of materials, several of the modifications we had planned for the house may have to wait until after the main construction, making the parsonage meet conference standards, are complete. The trustees are not in favor of waiting as it would be more cost effective and less intrusive on Pastor Jeff and his family if we could complete these modifications during the construction this fall. This would allow us to complete all the renovations and modifications needed to provide the Pastor and his family not only with a home that meets conference standards, but also one that is welcoming and timeless for years to come.



The Trustees have received a pledge of \$10,000 towards these increased costs and we are hopeful that another \$17,000 will be donated from the congregation, so that we can perform all of the renovations needed prior to the Pastor and his family moving into the Parsonage later this year. We are also in need of a washer and dryer in working condition, and would accept a used set, if anyone is thinking about upgrading their current appliances before the end of the year. Please reach out to any of the Trustees if you are able or willing to contribute (again or for the first time) to the parsonage renovation project.

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.

Together in Prayer: Courageously Sharing God's Story

12th Annual Conference of Upper New York Conference June 17-19, 2021



Bishop Webb convened the session by delivering a powerful message on the theme “Give Me Jesus.” His scripture reading was the very familiar Ecclesiastes 3. The key point, as Bishop Webb explained, was “it is time for us to plant and bring forth new life.” He emphasized that Jesus is the only way to end the evils of the world. He explained that we need to pray to discover the power of Jesus in our lives, and that we need that power to accomplish our purpose—to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

There were 15 church closings in the past 12 months (ending May 30, 2012). A number of these churches had served their communities for well over 100 years!!! To name a few of these great old churches: Middlefield United Methodist Church served for 192 years (1828 - 2020). Hartwick United Methodist Church served for 178 years (1842 – 2020). And the list goes on. This statistic alone highlights the urgency of Bishop Webb’s message.

Many of the reports, e.g., Leadership, New Faith Communities, and the Commission on Equitable Compensation were fairly routine; and relevant motions to accept these reports as written were passed without difficulty.

The Laity Session had a number of interesting videos, but one in particular stood out: RACISM. The fact that such blatant hatred of a people solely because of the color of their skin is appalling and re-emphasizes the need for programs such as Imagine No Racism.

The Trustees Report was a matter of grave concern in regard to the matter of suits being brought against many local churches and annual conferences for sexual abuse of minors. These cases date back 50 years, and were allowed under the Child Victims Act. At this time, and since, many churches were either underinsured or uninsured for this liability. Each church is to have its own legal representation; but, in 10 of these cases, the Conference itself is named as a co-defendant. Upper New York Conference is hoping to settle without going to court; but each case is to be decided on its own merit. At the time of this Annual Conference, there was no estimate as to costs to sue or amounts to settle. Lastly, means of paying for costs and settlements were being explored.

There were 8 petitions passed, but 3 are of particular significance for our Conference as a whole:

#7 - Proposal to form a Study Commission of the Readiness of UNY for Implementation of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation. The deadline to complete this study is February, 2022,

in order to be prepared to move forward on whatever decisions are made at the 2022 General Conference on the highly sensitive and difficult subject of dividing the entire general conference on the basis of its beliefs—especially in the areas of same sex marriage, ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals, and removal of clergy who declare themselves homosexual after being ordained and in service.

The basic point of this 87 line resolution is to determine whether or not Upper New York Conference will be ready to do whatever is decided at General Conference. This is a critical issue because it (ultimately) impacts every level of the United Methodist Church in America: General Conference; 5 Jurisdictional Conferences; 72 Annual Conferences; and countless individual parishes, clergy, and members. As an example of the scope of this problem, UNY has 865 church and 91 faith communities in a 48,000 square mile area. In this conference, there are 133,000 members. And we are one of the smaller conferences of the United Methodist Church. Some conferences are so large they have 2 Bishops! (This is especially common in the Southern Jurisdictions). This resolution did pass - after considerable discussion on the final language.

#8 - Proposal to Provide for Team Transparency and Greater Participation of Annual Conference in Mission Planning. The purpose of this resolution is to provide greater transparency to all members of Annual Conference. This is accomplished by providing finalized documents of the Conference Operational Team and Conference Leadership Team to all members of Annual Conference before the plans and implemented.

(2) Administrative Fair Process for Local Pastors states that Upper New York Conference implores the Board of Ordained Ministry to insure that the discontinuance and termination of local pastors are articulated and defensible as called for in Articles 320.1 and 635.d of "The Book of Discipline."

The first resolution discussed was called, "Because We Care." It seeks to engage in study and discussion of "Cry For Hope" - which has to do with anti-Semitism, especially in the Holy Land. This resolution seeks to "oppose the equating of criticism of Israel's unjust actions with anti-Semitism." Lastly, it invites people to come and see the reality in the Holy Land or invite people who have been on a justice trip to share with your congregation."

The other 4 resolutions had to do with brutality against people (including young children) of color in the city of Rochester. Each resolution advocated particular bills in the New York State Legislature which intended to prevent a recurrence of instances such as: killing a young, unarmed black man by suffocating him with a soiled "spit hood." (This device completely covers a person's face and causes breathing to become difficult, if not impossible). This same "personal restraint" mechanism was used against a 9 year old black child!! In another instance, pepper spray was used against a 2 year old black child!! If these bills were to pass, they would, of course, go a long way toward reducing police brutality against persons of color in the entire state. Unfortunately, the New York State Legislature adjourned on June 10, 2021, without taking any action on these bills. Further information on these bills can be made available by contacting the undersigned.

In closing, it was announced that the 13th Session of Upper New York Conference will be held live June 2-4, 2022, in Syracuse.

Frank M. D'Ambrosio
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference





BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ



As most of you have probably heard by now, this event was a huge success - thanks to the great number of volunteers who worked before the event to publicize it, during the event to have meals ready for delivery as needed, and to clean up everything after sales were concluded. It is incredible to see how much work goes into actually presenting an event of this magnitude!!

The numbers were very impressive - especially considering the amount of competition we have for Brooks BBQs! Many churches, fire houses, and other non-profit organizations are finding this type of fund raiser a very lucrative way to raise desperately needed funds. The last report I heard was 734 dinners were sold and 16 dinners were donated to the Guilderland Emergency Services. The net profit for the church was well over \$3,000.00.

In order to meet the challenge of increasing competition, it is the hope of the organizers to develop more strategies for publicity and perhaps change the options available. More than one church in the area is offering ribs as an alternative to chicken only. The ribs are \$2.00/meal more than the chicken meals, but we can maintain our profit margin by charging much more when/if we sell them. As I understand, the ribs are a popular item; even some members of our church have expressed interest in this option.

To make this work, planning will start in January with brainstorming. Not long after that, we will start looking for volunteers to execute whatever decisions are made. This project needs everyone's help to make it work!! We can find age and ability appropriate jobs for nearly anyone, so don't be deferred. Brooks has been a major source of extra income for McKownville United Methodist Church for over 35 years now. More than ever, we need to continue to make Brooks a viable revenue source because of the many losses we have suffered due to people moving, dying, etc. COVID-19 severely impacted our ability to budget; and it has only through the incredible generosity of our members and friends that we seem to be in a sound financial position at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank M. D'Ambrosio



Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter Dinners



Once again, our church is offering to provide meals for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter on the second and fourth Mondays from November through April for 19 homeless men. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to make and deliver a meal that includes an entrée, vegetable and dessert. Rolls/bread and butter are nice, but not needed. They do not want salads, pork, fish or beverages.

This shelter is operated in the belief that a ministry of hospitality and sanctuary is a mission of the Christian Church that scripture compels us to welcome and minister to the most vulnerable and needy in our society. This is illustrated by many bible stories including the Good Samaritan. The Shelter is located at the **First Lutheran Church at 626 State Street, Albany, New York.** More details on delivery location and options will be provided when you sign up. Be assured that when you drop off the meal, COVID precautions are in place.

Please contact Noreen VanDoren at 518-588-3009 or Norvandoren@yahoo.com to sign up to provide a meal, or to contribute to a meal for the homeless on the following dates: November 8 & 22, December 13 & 27, January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25.

God Bless you!

Noreen VanDoren

Operation Christmas Child



It's that time of year again! Wrapped Christmas boxes were available beginning **October 3** in the back of the sanctuary for you to take home and fill with gifts and prayers for children in need. Due to COVID-19, this year we are also offering to drop off empty boxes at your home and then pick them up once they are filled for your convenience and safety.

Each box contains an information sheet about items to include, as well as instructions regarding the cost of shipping. **Please remember to include the shipping check in the box and put a rubber band around the box when you return it.** If you want to help out, but are unable to fill a box yourself, you can drop off some items to contribute toward filling boxes in the laundry basket in the back of the sanctuary, or contact Noreen VanDoren for pick-up, and she will put together additional boxes with these donations.

Noreen's contact information is in the digital Church Directory or you can call the church office at (518) 456-1148 or her contact information. Additionally, for a donation of \$20 we will fill a box for you.

All boxes must be returned no later than November 21. Our goal is to provide 100 children with boxes of love, joy and the message of Christ. We hope you can help us meet that goal!



The Guilderland Food Pantry

Listed below are the current pantry needs:

- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Juice
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap



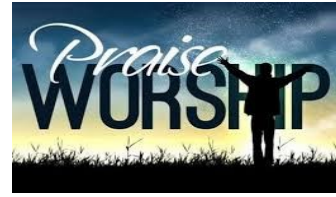
Location

*Guilderland Food Pantry
4 Charles Park Boulevard
Guilderland, NY 12084*

Please Note:

*On line donations may be made at:
www.guilderlandfoodpantry.org.*

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
(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.





NOVEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/ USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
November 7 (Day Light Savings Ends)	To be Determined	Christy Beauregard
November 14	To be Determined	Angela Stott
November 21 (Thanksgiving Sunday)	To be Determined	Nancy Rhodes
November 28	To be Determined	Matt Steffens

Currently there is no bulletin. If you are not on the distribution list for the emailed worship service outline, I (or some else) will forward it to you.

If you find your date inconvenient, please attempt to switch with someone else and then let the church know (518-456-1148 or email mckownumc@verizon.net) as well as myself (518-456-0412 or email at nancy_e_rutenber@yahoo.com).

As Worship Leader, you help set the tone that prepares the congregation for worship. Worship leader notes with service guidelines are in the attached document. (If you cannot open, let me know.)

One copy of the Worship Leader Reference is kept in the pulpit/lectern. The pastor or guest speaker can inform you if there are any changes.

Aids to being Worship Leader -

Service outline and scripture: Look at a copy or email of the worship outline to familiarize yourself with the service for which you will be Lay Worship Leader. This includes the church policy about wearing masks.

Be early and get ready: On Sunday, please arrive at the church fifteen minutes prior to the service for which you are serving and check up front.

The microphone will be turned on; if you are tall or short, you may need to move it closer to your mouth. The visuals team started a 5-minute timer on the monitors to help get the services started on time. The worship leader can begin the greetings to the congregation after the timer counts down to zero and the organist/pianist is seated. In the fall, the Pastor may start handling this and announcements again.



Remember that worship is to God. Thank you for helping the congregants worship.

Nancy Rutenber, Worship Leader Coordinator

Please note...
We are currently looking for volunteers to be greeters/ushers.
If you are interested, please contact Stephanie DeVall.

Greeters/Ushers & Acolyte Coordinator: Stephanie DeVall at (518) 925-0160
Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber at (518) 456-0412
**** Please Note that Greeter and Ushers duties are now combined.***

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th James & Angela Stott
- 8th Charles & Beverly Davies
- 15th Norman & Ellen Swanson





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Diane Steffens
- 2nd Nancy Pullen
- 3rd Patrick DeVall
- 5th Charles Davies
- 11th Frank D'Ambrosio
- 12th Sandy Smith
- 21st Ildra Morse
- 21st Dakota Stott
- 28th Carl Morse
- 30th Todd Nemec



NOVEMBER 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Outreach Team 6:00 pm	4	5	6 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
7 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Visuals Team (Varies as Needed) 2:30 pm (over ZOOM)	8 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	9 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	10 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	11 Top of the Hill 9:45 am (Veterans Day) 	12	13 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
14 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	15 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	16 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM))	17 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	18 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Guilderland Sewing Guild 1:00 pm	19	20 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
21 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	22 Trustees Team 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	23 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	24 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	25 (Thanksgiving Day) 	26 Women Together 1:00 pm	27 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
28 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	29 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	30 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm				

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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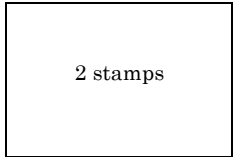
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