

McKownville Church News

DECEMBER 2021

Volume 12 No.12

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

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

**WISHING
EVERYONE A
MERRY AND-
BLESSED
CHRISTMAS..**



Articles Inside

*Articles for the January 2022 Newsletter
are due by December 15th.*

Front Cover.....	Pg. 1
Announcements.....	Pgs. 2-4
Stick to the Game Plan.....	Pg. 5
Ministry Healing.....	Pgs. 6,7
Informational Meeting.....	Pgs. 8,9
Christmas Service Plans.....	Pg. 10
Poinsettia Order Form.....	Pg.11
Together in Prayer.....	Pgs. 12,13
CACC.....	Pg. 14
Parsonage Update.....	Pg. 15
Mission Trip.....	Pg. 16
Special Sundays.....	Pg. 17
Brooks BBQ.....	Pg. 18
Sunday Worship.....	Pg. 19
Monthly Church Meetings.....	Pg. 20
Anniversaries & Birthdays.....	Pg. 21
Monthly Duties Calendar.....	Pg. 22
Monthly Calendar.....	Pg. 23
Back Cover.....	Pg. 24

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

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

- ◆ We are participating in the Adopt an Angel program again this year.
- ◆ The angels are hung in the back of the sanctuary.
- ◆ The angels should be returned no later than Sunday, December 5th.
- ◆ The requested gift amount is \$20.
- ◆ Please attach the tag on the outside of the returned gift.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please contact Amy or Stephanie DeVall.
- ◆ Thank you for supporting our neighbors!



Operation Christmas Child



These boxes were created with the hopes that when they are delivered to the children they will not only bring the joy of physical gifts but receive and understand the story of Jesus.

We are grateful for everyone who filled these boxes with gifts and prayers.

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.



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



PUMPKIN PATCH REPORT

The Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser program supports mission and outreach from the planting of the pumpkins to cooking down the leftovers for pumpkin pies. Grown by Navajo, the PPF program has educated and employed a population in New Mexico that were once the most under-employed group in the country. Delivered to not for profit organizations around the country, PPF uses independent truckers to support the small business owners/ drivers. Supporting organizations like our church, PPF allows not for profit organizations with a turnkey fundraiser by allowing groups to sell on consignment and pay once the sale is all done, with no liability or cost for loss or spoilage. Our profits support a Mission Scholarship Fund, which gives money to members of McKownville UMC who wish to participate in mission without considering the cost an obstacle to mission work. Some of the leftover pumpkins are cooked down to puree to make Pumpkin Pies for the Capital City Rescue Mission (we provide 100 pies each year) and the last of the leftovers or damaged pumpkins are picked up by a local farmer to feed their animals during the winter. This makes this project a mission and service project from beginning to end. Your support of this project supports so much more than the sale of pumpkins! We truly are changing the world, one pumpkin at a time!

Thank you to all who supported the 2021 Pumpkin Patch. We have sold a gross total of \$22,761 with a net profit of \$7,966 to be contributed to our Mission Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship



Announcements

DIGITAL DIRECTORY



- Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get 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.



In Person



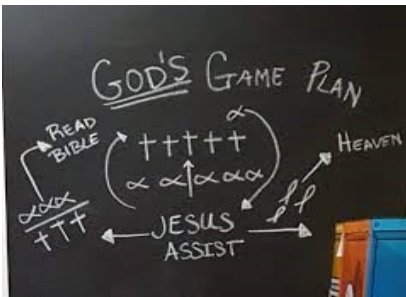
OUTREACH TEAM



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!

STICK TO THE GAME PLAN!!

Well, it's football season, and thousands of fans are thrilled to see their teams back out on the field and playing in full stadiums now that the pandemic is more manageable than a year ago. Whether you're reading this as a football fan or not, there's an old saying that goes along with football and any sport – *stick to the game plan*. The statement is basically a summary reminder that: *we've prepared, we've practiced, and we have a good game plan that we're going to stick to. We won't panic if we get thrown off course.*



I'll bet we've all heard that statement at some time or another in our personal lives as well. When we start to become unsure or uncertain, or a new option presents itself before us, we may need to hear someone tell us to *stick to the game plan*. So many times in life, just like in a game such as football, we encounter the unexpected that can easily throw us off course. We had what looked like a solid plan, but then life somehow twisted it around on us. Maybe we had to relocate due to our parent's job situation, perhaps the college major we chose was anything but what we expected, or some other unexpected event occurred that took us off the path we worked so hard for. These examples, and so many more, are just a few of the things that happen to us in life that cause us to rethink our plans, as the game plan we had in mind is simply no longer applicable or realistic.

Life as we all know is a combination of the good and the not so good here in our earthly lives. We often change our plans based on our circumstances – sometimes in our favor, other times not. But as we look forward to the days ahead, there is One and only One game plan that we can stick to with guaranteed results for victory. As Christians, our game plan is written in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. And along with the Word, we have Jesus Himself as an example for us to model our lives after. When we fall short, as we all will, it doesn't set us back in the eyes of our Lord. He forgives us and encourages us through His Spirit to continue *sticking to the game plan* each day with our focus on Him.

Yes, life in many ways can be like a football game. Some days things go our way, and other days we stumble, fumble and have trouble getting out of our own way!! But as long as we have our Lord in our hearts, we can be confident that we're on the right path regardless of the obstacles we face.

As we look ahead to the Holidays, and yes, believe it or not, the start of another New Year, let's remember that when our plans are disrupted and the unexpected comes our way, we can be at peace knowing that Jesus is in charge and will see us through. There's never a need to panic when we place our trust in His hands. Jesus will keep us on the right path, His path. Our job is to seek Jesus first in all we do, and then *stick to the game plan!!!*

*Best wishes for a blessed Holiday Season,
Dom Perfetti*



Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. Help us to meditate about the coming Christmas. Christmas makes us enjoy the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Every birth is a miracle. In the New Testament among the four gospels, the Gospel of Luke describes more about the birth of Christ. The apostle Luke is the one who wrote most important history of the birth of Christ. The apostle Luke was a medical doctor; and, we can read medical terms in his writings. He narrates beautifully about how the Lord, God Almighty, used Mary and Joseph for the history of the birth of Christ. Sometimes very ordinary people use the plan of God. If you want to read about Joseph read Matthew 1:16-2;23 and Luke 1;26-2:52. Joseph was a strong believer and was willing to suffer for the sake of Christ. Joseph obeyed God and was a man of integrity.

In the period of Joseph and Mary, the romans gave the people authority for heavy taxes and other difficulties. All the Jews were waiting for the Messiah. They thought the Messiah would come and deliver them from the Roman government. The Messiah will put his kingdom among them and save them. The Messiah will not come to farm kingdom like world kings; but, come to save all the people of the earth.

God has a plan, of the birth of Messiah in our world. Our present world is looking for help to wipe out the Covid -19 and deliver us from the sickness. The whole world is facing sickness, and loss of family members. Some are tired of their faith after Covid -19, asking , "What is going to happened in our future?" The answer is in the Book of Jeremiah 29;11, "for I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord. Plans for you to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and the future."

Joseph and Mary had accepted the plan of God. They had so many difficulties, but, they never gave up their faith and God's plan. The Lord, Jesus Christ, was obedient to his Father, God, and his plan. Today all over the world we will be celebrating Christmas. Christmas is not only inviting over families, relatives, friends, and packing gifts. Our first Gift is Christ. Share the good news to everyone, and allow Christ to be in us and in our homes. No matter what is going right now, just let us humble ourselves, and let the Christ be the center of our lives.



(Continued from previous page)

We remember that the three kings visited the Holy Child in the manger (Matthew 2:-12). They had a difficult journey going to Bethlehem to see the Son of God. They brought three gifts: gold, incense and myrrh. These three gifts have valuable hidden meanings. Gold was a gift to the King, in the book of (Revelation 19:11-16) says, the Lord is " KING OF KING AND THE LORD OF LORD." The gift of incense is about deity, and the gift of myrrh shows how the Son of God is going to die on the cross for us.



Before Christmas , let us decide what kind of gifts are we going to wrap for the Son of God. He is not expecting any thing from our world; but, he loves us and expect us to allow him to come in to our lives and live with us. Let us share the gift of Christ to every one and celebrate the Christmas with joy and peace. Amen.



Let us bow our heads and offer the following prayer....The most loving Lord, Jesus Christ, we come to your presence. We are inviting you to be with us and bless us this Christmas celebration. With your grace and mercy forgive us and our sins. We offer ourselves into your hands as an offering. May our celebration of your birth, be filled with joy and everlasting peace. We are remembering the families and those who lost their family members because of Covid -19. Please Lord visit them, console them, comfort them, and give them hope for their future. We are praying for the family members of those who are serving and taking care of the sick to be blessed this Christmas season and to keep them safe. In your name we are praying .Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing



INFORMATIONAL & LISTENING POST
MEETING ON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPARATION PROPOSAL



Leadership Council announces an Informational and Listening Post Meeting on Sunday, December 12 from 11:00am – 12:30pm (immediately following morning worship). All members and friends of McKownville United Methodist Church are invited. The meeting purpose is to begin a conference-initiated dialogue on getting input from local churches on a General Conference proposal of dividing The United Methodist Church into two or more separate denominations. The separation is due to differing doctrinal and theological perspectives - including human sexuality. Input from our dialogue will be provided to the Upper New York Conference (UNYC) which will then formulate a conference perspective and send representatives to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in August 2022. At general conference, representatives will vote on a proposal to separate or not separate the Church into two or more denominations.

UNYC urges local churches to have “healthy conversations” about the proposed separation and what the current reality is in the local church. Then we (McKownville United Methodist Church) are to report this information back to conference in the form of a survey. Two specific individuals are to complete the surveys: the Pastor and the Lay Leader. Each is to respond to a tailored survey with yes-no answers. To help Pastor Jeff and Lay Leader, Nancy Rutenber, faithfully respond to their respective surveys, Leadership Council seeks input/comments from the congregation. Our meeting will follow Holy Conferencing Principles and an agenda provided by the UNYC. A handout will be available at worship Sunday, November 21 & 28 and December 5 & 12 outlining these principles and approach to discussing the proposed separation.

Some background: Within The United Methodist Church, for several decades, the status and role of gay persons and gay clergy and whether to include or exclude certain persons or practices has been debated and has generated strong emotions and feelings. Currently, all efforts toward a compromise seem unacceptable to all factions. Now the United Methodist Church is faced with a proposal to separate into two or more distinct denominations.



(Continued from the previous page)

In 2016 a Commission on a Way Forward was charged to review all articles in the Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to maintain unity of the church. A Traditional Plan, presented and narrowly approved at the 2019 General Conference Special Session, retained restrictions against self-avowed gay clergy and required stricter enforcement for violations of church law.

In 2020 a diverse group of representatives from United Methodist advocacy groups, including several bishops from around the world, collaborated on an agreement for the separation of The United Methodist Church. It was planned to submit the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation to 2020 General Conference. That Conference has been postponed twice due to the Covid-19 pandemic. How to separate will be a prime topic at the August-September 2022 General Conference.

The Protocol, if approved, would become a new section of the Discipline. This new section would re-word some other sections, lay out a procedure by which conferences or individual churches could withdraw from the United Methodist Church, make clear how assets are to be divided, require transparency in legal agreements and financial transfers, urge cooperation among the successor churches, and present deadlines by which time certain actions must be completed. The 33-page document may be downloaded from the website: www.gracethroughseparation.com/legislation

Generally, the Protocol provides that Conferences as a whole may choose to remain or leave. Within a Conference, individual churches may choose to remain or leave. Whatever their decision, a conference or church will be able to retain its property. Likewise, clergy may choose to remain or leave, and their pension benefits will follow them.

Henry Walter,
Chairman of the Finance Team





CHRISTMAS SERVICE PLANS

McKownville Church plans to hold an in-person (and live-streamed) Christmas Eve service at 7:30 pm on Friday, December 24, 2021. The service will include choir, piano and organ duet, carols, and candle lighting. Masks are strongly recommended, and, if you are masked and at least three feet away from anyone not living in your household, you will be able to sing the carols. Advent begins Sunday, November 28, and the church is already decorated for the season.

On Sunday, December 26, 2021 the 10 am service will include at least four carols. You may vote for which of the carol videos will be used in the morning service. Send your choice of four of the following carols to the church office at mckownumc@verizon.net or vote in person at church on November 28, December 5, and December 12.

Joy to the World
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Away in a Manger
What Child Is This
The First Noel
Hark. The Herald Angels Sing
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Light of the World
Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels From the Realms of Glory
For Unto Us



Christmas Poinsettias!

Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott or mail the form and check to **ANGELA STOTT, 65 WILLOW ST., GUILDERLAND, NY 12084.** Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church, **do not send cash.**



All of the poinsettias will be **RED** this year. The pricing is as follows:

Small \$6.00 Medium \$11.00 Large \$27.00

All orders should be turned in buy December 12th. Poinsettias can be picked up on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 26th. Any unclaimed flowers will be disposed of after Sunday, December 26th.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Christmas Poinsettias!

Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott or mail the form and check to **ANGELA STOTT, 65 WILLOW ST., GUILDERLAND, NY 12084.** Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church, **do not send cash.**



All of the poinsettias will be **RED** this year. The pricing is as follows:

Small \$6.00 Medium \$11.00 Large \$27.00

All orders should be turned in buy December 12th. Poinsettias can be picked up on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 26th. Any unclaimed flowers will be disposed of after Sunday, December 26th.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

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





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.

- ◆ Meals will be served from November 2021 through April 2022.
- ◆ 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.

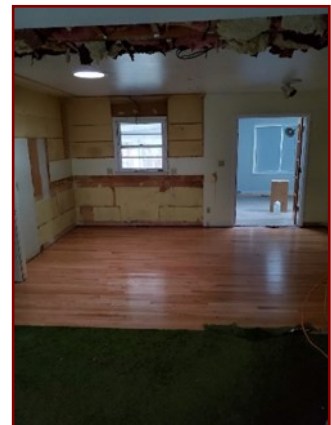
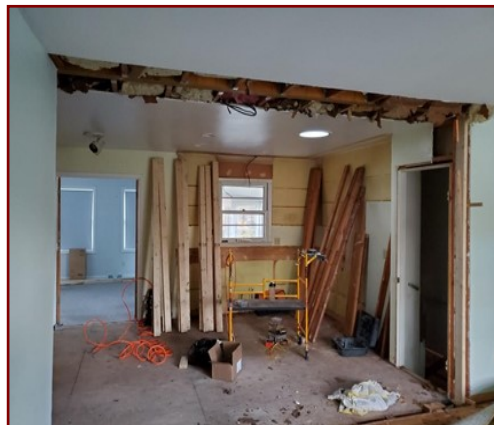
God Bless you!

Noreen VanDoren



PARSONAGE UPDATE...

The work at 12 Ableman Ave is underway and moving along nicely. The kitchen has been gutted and new floors have been installed. The kitchen will host new appliances and cabinets. The full wall between the kitchen and living room was removed and the beam raised to provide an open concept area. The bedrooms will be repainted in the next two weeks. The outside A/C unit is scheduled to be moved to make room for the addition. The plans are with the town, and we anticipate that the permits will be granted soon. The Pastor and his family are scheduled to move into our new parsonage by the end of January. We are very excited about the whole process and can't wait until the house is complete with a new full master bathroom, laundry and storage area.



***12 Ableman Avenue,
Guilderland, New York 12203***



The Guilderland Food Pantry

Listed below are the current pantry needs during this holiday season....

- corn muffin mix
- boxed stuffing
- turkey gravy
- cake mixes
- frosting



Please Note:

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

Location

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



MISSION TRIP

In November three members of the church went on a one day mission trip to the Upper New York Conference Mission Central HUB in Liverpool, NY.

The UNY Mission Central HUB helps local churches bring hope and assistance across the Northeast and around the world. It is a resource for becoming the hands and feet of God in service. The UNY Mission Central HUB not only assembles cleaning, hygiene, and school kits, but also is engaged in many other ministries such as blessing boxes, ramp building, training the Volunteers in Mission Early Response Team, and so much more.

The mission team delivered two cleaning buckets that were put together by the Woman Together small group. They also verified UMCOR school kits and prepared them to be shipped to the Pennsylvania Mission HUB for further distribution.

Keep a lookout for future mission trips or contact a member of the Outreach Team if you know of mission that could be done. Maybe you would like to go on the next one.

If you would like more information, please contact Darcianne Leizer.



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.





Brooks Chicken BBQ

Spring of 2022



On Saturday, May 7, 2022, we will be hosting our next Brooks BBQ. While we were surprisingly successful given the competition, we need to do better because (1) the competition is increasing every year; and (2) McKownville United Methodist Church needs all the supplemental income available, as we are limited in Building Use revenue by ongoing pandemic issues and a reduction in the number and dollar value of pledges.

With all this in mind, we'd like to start planning in January for this event. "Planning" involves marketing strategy, menu options, and prices. We will address the latter issue by reaching out to Brooks House of Barbecue after the holidays to request an up to date price list. We need additional volunteers to help plan this event, as to do it properly requires a team of dedicated volunteers rather than just a few people. We also need to discuss when and how to reach out for volunteers to set up, work at, and clean up after this event. Again, it's a massive undertaking. The October 2, 2021, event took well over 30 people to accomplish everything needed to make that event a success.



Additional information will be forthcoming after the holidays, but, if people have ideas or wish to volunteer for any part of this project, reach out to the church office or the undersigned. My email address and phone numbers are in the directory or can be obtained from the church secretary if needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

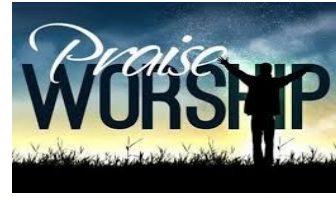
Frank M. D'Ambrosio



**HELP
WANTED**

Part time rewarding job with flexible hours. Excellent opportunity to meet new friends, be part of a great team and have a giggle. No experience required.

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



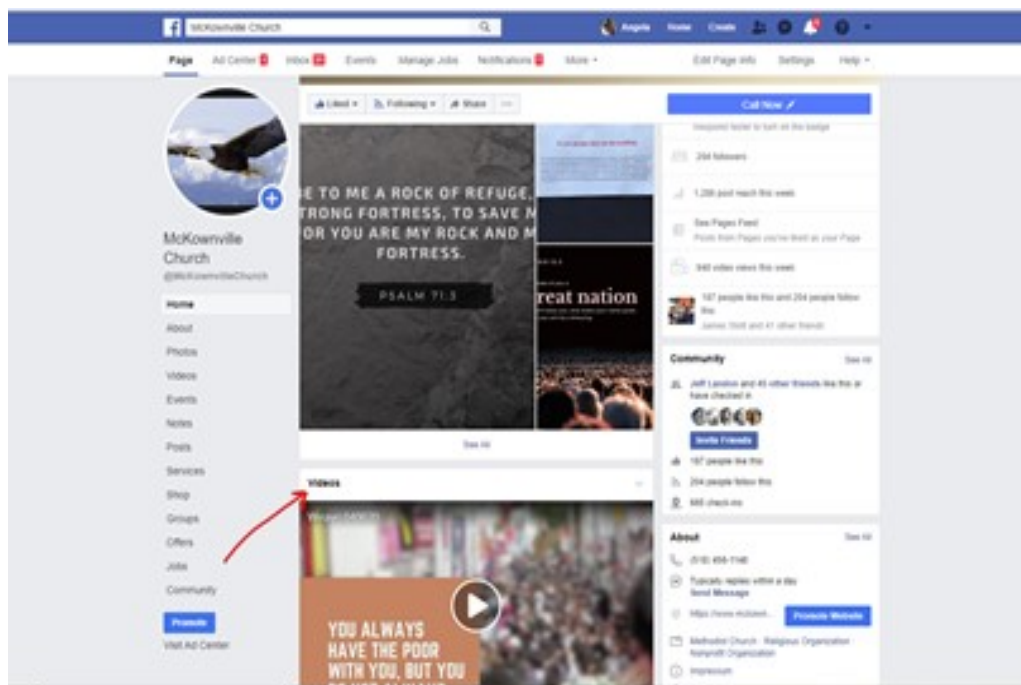
Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at: <http://www.mckownvillechurch.com>

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.



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 Sarah and Christopher Spencer
 28 Terrence and Barbara O'Neill



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Colleen O'Brien
 6 Barbara Cullen
 Noah Dabel
 7 Brian Reed
 10 Mike Keane
 12 Mark Staats
 13 Jacqueline Guidarelli-Wu
 Wendy Fox
 14 Thomas Myers
 Thyra Gilbert
 19 Noreen VanDoren
 21 Judith Lahart
 Lucy Gee *
 22 Nicholas White
 25 Dorothy Ellinwood *
 27 Henry Walter*

* denotes birthdays of members who are older than 80 yrs old

(ALSO: Happy belated birthday to Lisa Templin who celebrated her birthday on November 4th.)





DECEMBER DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
December 5th	To be Determined	Paul Cullen
December 12th	To be Determined	Angela Stott
December 19th	To be Determined	Frank D'Ambrosio
December 24th <i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	To be Determined	Pat Beauregard
December 26th	To Be Determined	Lelaina Beauregard

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
"May your life sing." - NR



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.***

DECEMBER 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Outreach Team 6:00 pm	2	3	4 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
5 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Visuals Team (Varies as Needed) 2:30 pm (over ZOOM)	6 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	7 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm	8 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	9 Top of the Hill 9:45 am	10	11 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
12 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	13 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	14 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	15 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	16 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Guilderland Sewing Guild 1:00 pm	17	18 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
19 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	20 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	21 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	22 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	23 Top of the Hill 9:45 am	24 Women Together 1:00 pm 	25 A.A Meeting 6:00 am 
26 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	27 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees Team 6:00 pm (Over Zoom)	28 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm (Over Zoom)	29 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	30 Top of the Hill 9:45 am	31 	

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:

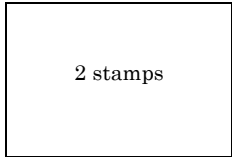
Varies as needed.....
2:30pm on the first Sunday of the month

MICROSOFT

1565 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12203-4222

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE



CONTACT:

Phone: (518) 456-1148
E-mail: mckownumc@verizon.net

Website: www.McKownvilleChurch.com

Facebook: Facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch

The Rev. Jeff Landon, Pastor
E-mail: pastorjeffumc@att.net
Phone: (765) 652-0265

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

Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

Board of Trustees:

- Chair & Sexton Liaison: James Stott
- Vice-Chair & Furnishings Building Use Coordinators: Kelly Visker
Nancy Rhodes
- Leases & Legal Affairs: Noreen Van Doren
- Grounds & Planned Maintenance: Tom Myers
- Insurance: Nancy Pullen
- Furniture: Kelly Visker

Ministry Teams:

- Leadership Council: Kim Keane, Team Leader
- Staff/Parish Relations: George Jeneczko, Monte Waters, Sue Burns, Nancy Rutenber, Tricia Stott, Frank D'Ambrosio & Pat Beauregard
- Finance: Henry Walter, Team Leader
Treasurer & Payroll: Tim Pierce
Finance Secretary: Tom Myers
- 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