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

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

"As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

"Our Church Values

***Christ Centered; Our thoughts and actions are centered on God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.**

***Love; We love our neighbors as ourselves.**

***Integrity; We live to be thankful to God through our actions matching our values.**

Guest WiFi: LoveGod1565



<https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch>

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thanks to you and your generosity, our church, together with others in the Northeast Area (NY, CT, ME, NH, RI, Vt. and Ma) collected 11,251 shoe box gifts during the National Collection Week of 2021. This was 1,251 above the region's stated goal and as announced in early December, our church provided 103 boxes (3 above our goal) to this effort. The representative from our area states "We are grateful to God for using you in this effort. Every prayer, speech, reminder, meeting, planning session, phone call, and email resulted in more than 11,000 opportunities for children to hear that they are created by and loved by God."

If you used the Follow Your Box link, please announce during any upcoming church service where your boxes went. We all would love to know the destination. Noreen VanDoren, OCC Project Leader.

Thank you,
Noreen VanDoren



CHRISTMAS ANGELS

- ◆ The Adopt an Angel program was a great success again this year!
- ◆ "Thank you" to everyone who supported our neighbors.
- ◆ Your generosity was greatly appreciated.



Thank you,
Amy DeVall

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



Have A Blessed New Year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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.



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!

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.



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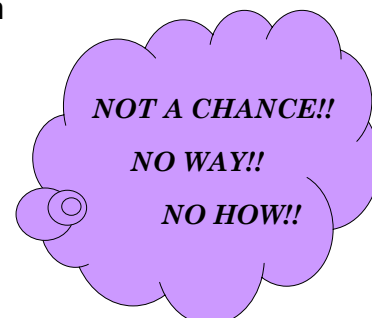
DIGITAL DIRECTORY

- 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 the first time you use the directory app.
- If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app., please contact the church office at (518) 456-1148.



NOT A CHANCE!!

Well, those words can certainly be disheartening. I recall hearing them as a teenager when I would occasionally ask to go an event that I was far too young to attend. Or hearing a teacher bluntly explain future opportunities, or the lack of, to the class when we needed to shape up! The same can be said for sports teams, career promotions, and may other areas of life. Sometimes the response is accurate, and sometimes it's a motivator to drive us beyond our perceived limitations. But let's face it, it's never fun to hear the words, "Not a chance!"



As believers in Jesus, we can look at those words and interpret them so differently than the typical earthly meaning. With God, His actions and predictions are always accurate, 100%, never the slightest possibility that things won't turn out exactly as He has planned. With God we don't deal with "chances," we deal with His Word and absolute truth and confidence that what He says is true. He speaks to us through His Word in the Bible, and through His Son's stay earthly stay with us in human form.

As we reflect, especially during this time of year, and think about the miracle of Jesus's birth, death and resurrection, there are so many events and "what ifs" that could have easily changed the direction of the world. *What if Joseph decided to leave Mary when he realized she was going to have a baby? What if King Herod had discovered where Jesus was?? What if Joseph didn't heed the warning from angel of the Lord who told him in a dream to escape to Egypt?? And what if our Lord Jesus Himself chose not to sacrifice His life on the Cross for our salvation???*

All these examples and so many more throughout the Bible can in an earthly sense, can leave us with a feeling of anxiety as we recount the chain of events from Jesus's birth to His resurrection on the Cross, a feeling of just how fragile the chain was and how it could have easily been broken by just a slight change in any one of the many crucial events that took place over Jesus's lifetime. But as Christians, we know that every link and every step was carefully planned and known well in advance by God our Father, and that the miraculous birth of our Lord and glorious resurrection into Heaven had absolutely no chance of being altered or changed in any way. There was no chance for a deviation to the plan, and no chance for anyone or anything to get in the way of God's plan to offer us the gift of eternal life through His Son.



All throughout the year we can rely on the complete confidence that Jesus is watching over us, knowing our hearts and guiding our paths even when we may think they are getting off track. If we ever feel a shred of doubt and wonder if Jesus is not listening or our prayers are not being heard, we can rest assured knowing that the answer is always, **Not a chance!!**

*Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year,
Dom Perfetti*

Healing Ministry

***"Do not afraid, I bring you 'Good News of great joy' that will be for all the people"
(Luke 2:10)***

Luke 2:10-12

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



Welcome every one to our Ministry of Healing, with my faith, my humble heart, and *WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR IN 2022!* May this new year bring you double portions of blessings and healings. Let us praise Christ who was with us and is with us, who helped us to through the old year, 2021, and put a fresh new step into the coming year. Amen. We are still in the Christmas mood, sharing our gifts, having gatherings, and sharing the good news with each other.

After the Holy Child was born, the angels of God and the heavenly hosts were given the first invitation to the poor shepherds who were sleeping with their sheep in the fields in Bethlehem. These shepherds brought lambs to Jerusalem's temple to sacrifice and for the forgiveness of human sins. The angels of God announced to the shepherds the birth of the Lamb Of God, who is going to be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the world. The shepherds believed what they heard and accepted the invitation. They travelled to the manger to see the Holy Child. They were filled with joy and hope. They may have thought that the year may bring good tidings.

Many of us may have a thought about this. "What will this new year of 2022 hold for us? We cannot predict how the coming year will be. The prophet, Isaiah, got a message from almighty God, "Forget former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing new things, now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way into the desert and stream in the wasteland" (Isaiah 49:19). We can cling onto this promises for our new year.

The Christmas and the new year families will travel every where to unite with each other. From the Book of Genesis to the New Testament, we can read how the people of God travelled. From Abraham to Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, and all the disciples travelled for the gospel. One of the travel stories fascinates every one today. They are the model for our new year questions. Every one knew about the three kings travel stories. Travelling for journey or travelling for our life, these three kings taught us a valuable lesson for our mordant world.

They did not belong to one country but rather from different countries, different cultures, different languages, and different traditions. How were these kings united without any problems? How and where did they met for the journey? As per the history, they were: King Melchior, 60 years old from Persia which is presently Iran; King Casper, 40 years old from Indo-Parthian; and King Balthazar, 20 years old from Saba which is presently Yemen. They followed the star to see the Holy Child.

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These kings made a plan to meet at Babylon where they started their travel to Bethlehem. They had to travel 800 miles to reach the manger to see the Messiah. They never stopped traveling, even though they may have had tough weather or many difficulties. These three kings spoke different languages; but, they communicated with their faith. They reached the manger, they bowed down to the Holy Child, saw the holy parents, and offered their gifts to the Messiah.

From the Genesis to the manger so many Israelites travelled and followed Gods plan. God sent the angels and said to them, "Do not fear."

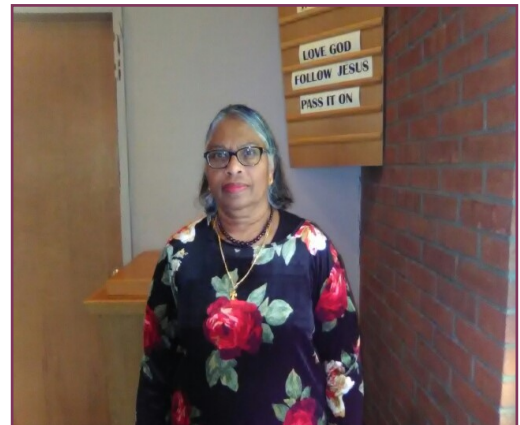
The following scriptures speak to us: Abraham Genesis 15:1; Joshua 8:1; Daniel 10:12,19; Jeremiah Lamentation 3:51; Zachariah Luke 1:13; Mary Luke 1:30; Peter Luke 5:10; Paul Acts 5:10; and John Revelation 1:17,18.

In Genesis, 28:20, Jacob was trusted by God, he started his journey, and prayed, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on the journey. I am taking and will be given good food to eat and good clothes to wear." Let us put our first step into the new year with our faith and prayer. Let us travel in the new year like Jacob, like the sphered, like the three Kings, and focus on our Immanuel. He will be with us, provide for us, and keep us safe. His presence will surround us with perfect health and wealth. Amen



Let us bow our heads and join our hearts wherever we may be in saying: "Lord, God almighty, we are praising your name. You helped us to finish the year 202. Wash all our sins and guide us to the path to walk with you. You are our Father God, your son, Jesus Christ, our guider to travel every day in this coming year. Protect us from sickness, viruses, sorrow, problems, and all other difficulties. May your Holy Spirit teach us everything in the new year. May we receive all your blessings for us and all our families. May your peace and joy rest upon us now and forever. In the name of Lord, Jesus Christ, we are offering ourselves and prayers in to your hands.

Amen."



Olive Ezekiel
Minister For Healing

WOMEN TOGETHER



We are meeting monthly, supporting each other, and enjoying our social time. Four years ago we started assembling the flood buckets for disaster relief and have now completed 31. Each bucket costs us about \$75. For several years we have wrapped some of the boxes for Operation Christmas Child and wrapped about 40 this year.

And this year we've assembled 45 hygiene kits. These kits cost about \$10 each and we have been given the money to purchase specific supplies. We wish to continue putting these kits together and expect in the future to ask friends at church for money for the project. If disaster hits and a person is left with nothing UMCOR can hand out a hygiene kit -- a plastic bag with towel, washcloth, soap, comb, toothbrush, nail clip, bandaids.

Prepared by,
Emma Herendeen

The Guilderland Food Pantry

Current items needed..

- ⇒ Laundry detergent
- ⇒ Canned fruit
- ⇒ Dish detergent
- ⇒ Canned vegetables
- ⇒ Juices
- ⇒ Paper towels
- ⇒ Toilet paper



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

PARSONAGE UPDATE...



Renovations are continuing and we are really looking forward to seeing the final product. The kitchen has been gutted, a new wood floor, plumbing and electrical wiring have been installed, and a new control board was purchased for the boiler. The Sexton is painting the walls, trim and ceilings and the remaining carpets have been cleaned. As was reported in last month's newsletter, the permit for the addition was sent to the town. Unfortunately, like any of the best laid plans, we have met with some

obstacles. With a lot of work, an attitude of optimism and through active prayer we have been able to resolve these issues. Below is a summary of where we are and where we are going.

On November 12th, the Architectural drawings for the addition were finalized and a request for the building permit was filed with the Town of Guilderland. Based on the Albany County Tax Map and discussions with the Town Building Department, we had been advised our lot was deemed an undersized lot and we did not need a variance to obtain our building permit. After four weeks of waiting for the building permit to be issued, the Trustees called the Town Inspector who advised that they are really backed up and had not yet looked at our application. On December 15th, the Town Inspector advised us that the Albany County Tax Map, was wrong and we actually did need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals before the building permit could be issued. The Inspector advised us that he had never seen an incorrect tax map, and that since our parcel is not an undersized lot (which requires only an 8' setback from the neighboring property line), our addition had to be at least 15' from the side lot boundary, or we needed a variance from this requirement. This unexpected development has pushed back the construction schedule by four weeks. The only survey we had of the property was when the neighborhood was first subdivided and it did not provide an accurate location of the house. This meant that we needed to get a survey and get it fast.

While it would have been easy to give up hope, optimism prevailed, and we were miraculously able to find a surveyor who could meet our deadline. We obtained a survey at a cost \$2,400 and submitted our request for a variance on Thursday December 23rd to be heard at the January 5th Zoning Board meeting. The survey shows our addition will be located 14.45' from the side boundary line so we were assured that a variance would be granted, or that the Board would determine that a variance would not be necessary due to the minor encroachment the survey shows.



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On December 27th the town informed us verbally that we in fact, do not need a variance. While the delays and issues with the town were stressful and frustrating, we were thankful to God that our prayers were answered.

These delays have been a source of great frustration but rest assured, we are doing everything we can to make sure that this parsonage will be a home to be proud of. Now that the winter is here and construction is delayed, it does mean that construction will be still ongoing after Pastor Jeff and his family have been moved in. However, the construction on the addition will all be completed outside of the main home and once complete the contractors will break through to the main house. This prevents construction workers from having to be in the house itself while building the addition. The contractor has determined this breakthrough will only take a day or two. It is important to the team to have the construction be as little of a disruption as possible. We would like to thank everyone who has supported these efforts and ask that you continue to pray for the completion of this project.



12 Ableman Avenue
Guilderland, NY 12203



MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS



Our church provides meals for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter in Albany, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, from November through April.

A BIG **thank you** goes out to Patti Krekeler who cooked and provided the meal on November 8th and again on December 13th. In addition, I want to thank Jacqueline Guidarelli-Wu, who provided the meal on November 22 and Sandy Smith and Judy Blivin, who cooked for the Monday after Christmas. I am still seeking a volunteer for March 28th. Please contact Noreen VanDoren if you are interested in providing a dinner for 15 homeless men on behalf of our church.

Lastly, for those of you who signed up to provide the dinners on the remaining dates in January - April, Bless You All!

Prepared by,
Noreen VanDoren



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

CWS CROP WALK CELEBRATION

On December 7, 2021, the writer watched a video celebrating 75 years of service provided by Church World Service (CWS). It started in May 1946 as a way to provide global relief following World War II. While the emphasis is on world hunger, CWS actually does so much more. For example, it provides disaster relief, reclamation of land for farming, irrigation systems, medical services, and, of course, food. I have been part of this effort (on and off) for 40 years or so; but, it is only after watching this video and seeing the faces and hearing the stories of those who have been helped, did this program become so profoundly real! The host of this program mentioned that, for the 2021 CROP Walks around the country, a total of \$5.9 million dollars has been raised to date. Of that amount, \$1.7 million stays in this country to fund over 1,600 food services. He also mentioned 5 individual walkers who, collectively, raised \$212,000.00 in 2021! To say that is astonishing is to under-state it. This works to \$42,400.00 EACH!! But, this is about more than incredible numbers; it is about the men, women, and children locally and globally who literally could not survive with the aid of CWS.

The next Albany CROP Walk for Hunger will be, as usual, the first Sunday in May 2022. I hope to be the team captain for McKownville United Methodist Church next year. May 2022 is a long way off; but, as with other events, the sooner we start thinking about them, the more successful they are likely to be. As I understood, the 2022 Albany CROP Walk will be live unless pandemic issues require the event to be "virtual" as it was in 2020 and 2021. That being the case, I hope to be able to pick up resource material (posters, pledge envelopes, pamphlets describing the work) after the first of the year. There will be announcements about that in the coming months.

Thank you all for your generous support of this walk over the past decades as walkers and sponsors. Because of this level of support, the Albany CROP Walk in 2021 was again the 5th most successful walk in terms of funds raised in the nation. As previously reported, over \$100,000.00 was raised last May. Keeping in mind the ever increasing need around the world and in our own communities and around the world it is our prayer that the 2022 walks are the most successful ever.

Prepared by,
Frank D'Ambrosio



**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**
ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME



**JOIN OUR
TEAM**

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

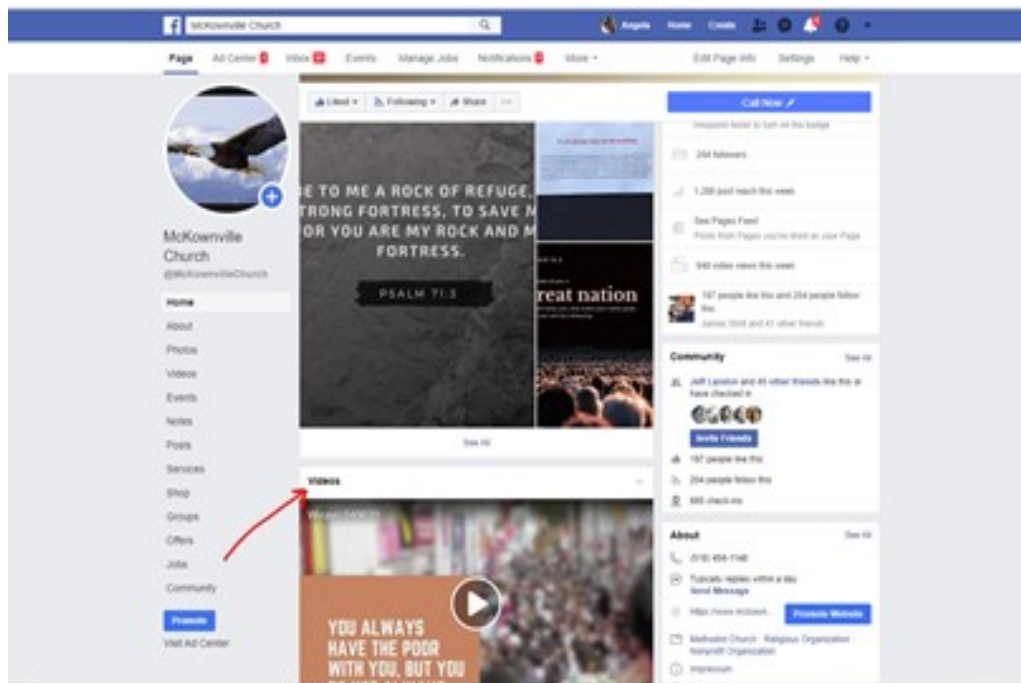
Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at: <http://www.mckownvillechurch.com>

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.

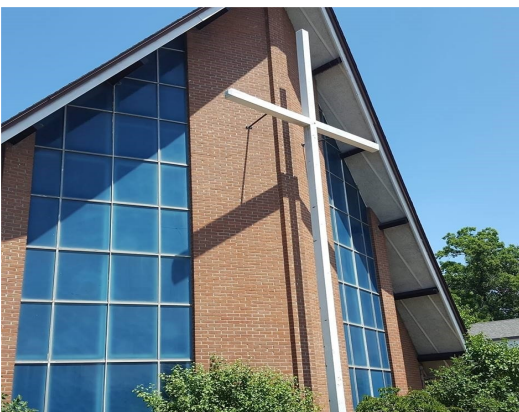
MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS

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.





JANUARY DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
January 2nd	To be Determined	Angela Stott
January 9th	To be Determined	Noreen VanDoren
January 16th (Martin Luther King)	To be Determined	Nancy Rutenber
January 23rd	To be Determined	Kelly Visker
January 30th	To Be Determined	Tom Myers

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.***

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Ken & Jennifer Grupe
- 30 Bob Barnard & Maria D'Ambrosio

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nadia Jefferson
- 2 Karen Tedisco]
- 7 Pauline Martin
- 7 Kathryn Braun
- 7 Vera Lund
- 7 Monte Waters
- 11 Patti Krekeler
- 11 Joshua Scattareggia
- 15 Alexander Burns
- 16 Bill Colclough
- 16 Cathy Gee Jurek
- 29 Angela Stott
- 31 Patricia Stott



JANUARY 2022



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

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**

The Epiphany



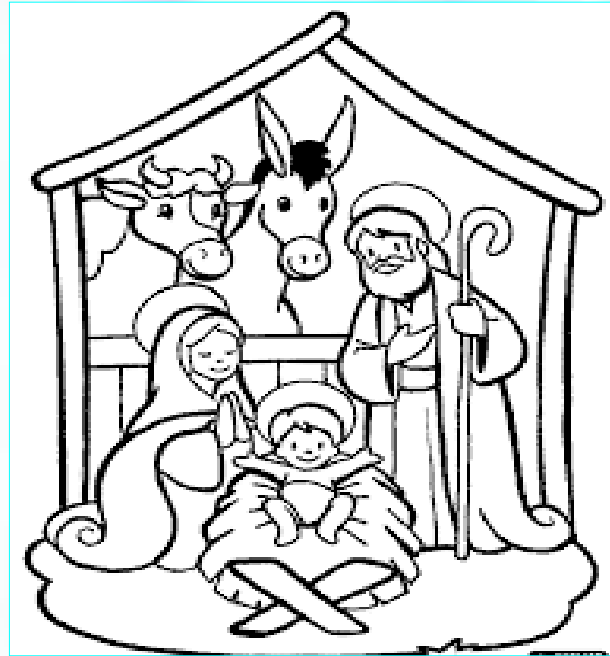
Some countries celebrate Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1st and in Columbia they celebrate the day on the second Sunday of January.

The Epiphany is also called Three Kings' Day, Theophany, Denha, Little Christmas, and Baptism of Jesus. The Epiphany for the year 2022 is celebrated/observed on Thursday, January 6th.

Epiphany is a Christian holiday primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. Western traditions focus on the Magi's visit, seen as the first manifestation of Christ as saviour of Gentiles as well as Jews. Epiphany is among the church's oldest and most important feasts.



ACTIVITY PAGE



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Albany, New York 12203-4222

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Website: www.McKownvilleChurch.com

Facebook: Facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch

The Rev. Jeff Landon, Pastor
E-mail: disciplemaker56@gmail.com
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
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