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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



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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



FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY...



The year-end donation reports for 2021 have been sent out. Email is the default delivery method. If my records do not include an email address, reports will be sent by mail. If my records do not include either an email address or postal address, no report will be sent. If you would like to change your future delivery method, please let me know directly when you see me in church or by sending an email to thomasmyers@nycap.rr.com.

Thank you,
Tom Myers

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 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.



Prepared by,
Angela Stott

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.

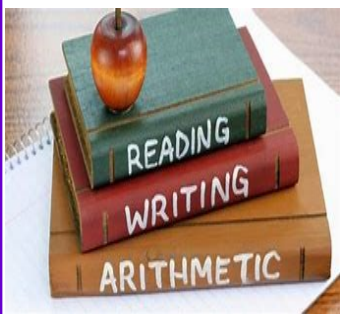
IN PERSON

OR



THE THREE R'S

Another New Year is here already. Time to put a challenging 2021 behind us and look ahead to better days. Let's get 2022 kicked off in the right direction. *How are we doing with our New Year's resolutions??* - Ok, not a good subject, *let's move on!*



As I thought about the upcoming year, for some reason the “three R’s” came to mind. Remember the old saying from our school days, (showing my age as some of you may never have heard this,) with the “three R’s” being – wRiting, ReaDing and aRithmetic?? These were considered to be the three basic building blocks that we need to move along through our educations and on to our careers! So perhaps we need to think about getting back to the basics with our spiritual lives in the New Year. Let's face it, New Year's resolutions just don't cut it. Most of us have either stopped making them, or nearly half of us will abandon them within a couple months. Is there a better way to approach the year? Well, maybe, *let's take a look....*

The uncertainties of starting another year can raise concern and cause anxiety. Our calendars don't wait for us, so we jump right into the new days and the challenges that come with them. But maybe if we stop and pause for a just few moments and collect our thoughts, we can take a new approach. Let's return to the basic building blocks and consider the “Three R's” from a spiritual perspective. A few minutes of quiet time with the Lord can set the tone for the weeks and months to come.

Reflect – Let's be still, calm our minds and reflect deeply on who Jesus really is, remembering His ever-present Spirit that is with us always. Jesus walked among us, and died for us out of His love for each of us. He's with us today, and will be with us every day, always.

Reset – Our minds get so occupied that we can easily lose sight of what's most important. Let's clear out the clutter in our minds, and reset our thoughts on Jesus first. With Jesus being first and foremost in our thoughts, we can be confident that all our other matters, although not necessarily easy, will be guided by our Lord.

Renew – It's always the right time to renew our personal relationship and commitments to Jesus. He's waiting to hear from us! His forgiveness and love for us is endless, and He wants us to know Him personally as our Most Trusted Companion to see us through life's sunny days and storms. He will provide the strength we need through every challenge we face.



Yes, let's leave out the Resolution's “R”, and focus on the three R's that will bring us the peace, love and guidance we need to see us through every hour of every day of the year ahead of us. *What better way to start the New Year than with Jesus first in mind in all we do???*

*Have a great start to a blessed year,
Dom Perfetti*

Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing and let us praise the Lord God. God helped us get through the first month of this new year. The Lord God watches over us and keeps us safe from viruses and all others. He loves us and wants to be with us. We had a snow storm and had a tough time getting to work. Some of us like snow, especially the children, and some of us dislike the snow. When we look at the snow, we can see the beauty of our God and his creation.

He scatters the snow like birds flying down and its descent is like a locust lighting. The eye is dazzled by the beauty of its whiteness and the mind is amazed as it falls. He then pours frost over the earth like salt and icicles form like pointed thorns.

The cold north winds blow and ice freezes on the water. A mist quickly heals all things; and, then the falling dew gives refreshment from the heat. We could see more but could never say enough. Let the final words be: *"He is All."*

Awesome is the Lord and very great and marvelous are his works. Glorify and exalt the Lord. Summons all your strength and do not grow weary, you cannot praise Him enough.



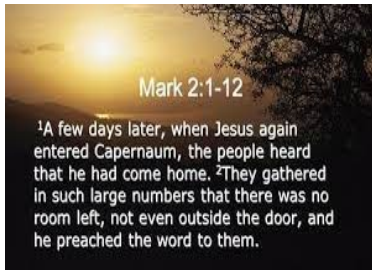
So many people are in need of healing these days. He is our healer and we can trust him. When the Lord, Jesus Christ, was in our world, He healed so many people. He healed in a different manner. In the Gospel of Johan, 9:1-6, He healed a blind man in an unusual way. Please read the scripture. The disciples thought, that perhaps the blind man or his parents were sinners. But the Lord said that neither him nor his parents were sinners. He used his saliva to make a mud mixture, like an ointment, and then applied it on the blind man's eyes. He then told the blind man to go and wash his eyes in the Pool of Shalom. Because the blind man trusted and obeyed the Lord, he was able to see again. By his trust in the Lord and following his command he activated the healing power in his eyes.

In the gospel of Mark, 2:1-12, the scripture says that the Lord, Jesus Christ, was in a house at Capernaum, along with a paralyzed man and his friends. Please read the scripture. The Lord, Jesus Christ, was amazed that the four men brought the paralyzed man over to Him, even though there was no place inside or out side of that house. There were people filled everywhere. But the four men decided, "We are not going back with our sick friend, but, we can make a way and handover our sick friend to the Lord for His healing. One hundred present they put their faith on the Lord, Jesus Christ, is a healer. The house did not belong to them but they made a quick plan. "Let us remove some part of the roof and let us drop our friend near the Lord Jesus where he was sitting. We can help the home owner to repair it later. We tried our best for him. "They took the responsibility of damaging some person's roof to help their friend to be healed."



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The Lord looked up and smiled at them; and, He was amazed of their courage and faith. His heart melted. He identified the paralyzed man's sins, by his word of power he gave forgiveness from his sins. Then he commanded, "I tell you, get up take your mat and go home". Immediately the sick man was healed, he got out of bed, and went home.



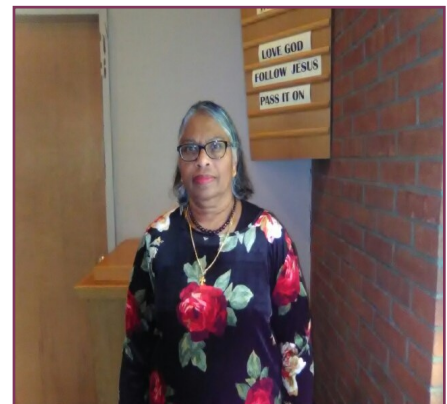
I want to share one of my witness of how the Lord used me and how my faith for my brother-in-law, who was paralyzed and in a hospital, and how I did bed-side duty for him. I read the scripture from, Mark, 2:-12, and then I knelt near his bed and prayed for his healing. My brother-in-law thought he would never walk again. I encouraged him with the Scripture Mark, 2:1-12. I asked our Lord through this scripture, "Lord Jesus you helped this man at Capernaum. Help my brother-in-law to receive his healing to walk, go back to his home, and his work." Day and night I shed my tears for my brother-in-law and

said my prayers for him. With his physical therapist, I also hold him, pray silently and help him to walk.. After 15 days he was totally healed perfectly and walked normally. He went back to his home and his job, where he had worked for many years and then retired. He never become sick again. When we use our intense faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, his heart will melt for the sick person. He will perform miraculous healings in our human bodies. It was a miracle by the Lord, Jesus Christ, for my brother-in-law to be healed. I always trust, with all my heart, in our Lord who is our healer. He will heal all the sickness. Praise the Lord.

Today many are sick at home, in hospitals, and different places and need our Lord and his healings. We must pray for them. Let us bow out heads, humble our hearts, and just look at our Lord how he was on the cross for us and for our healings. The Book of Isaiah, Chapter 53, says, "By his wounds we healed." Yes, He will heal anyone who is sick and as per the scripture says.



Let us pray:---Mighty Lord Jesus Christ we come to your throne, we humble our heart, and are trusting in your healing power for the people who are at home, hospital, nursing home and everywhere, Lord touch them by your wounded nailed palm of your hand. Bless them to receive their totally healings. Hel their families to receive the miracle healing reports. Also bless us and our families. In your sweet name we are praying. Amen, Amen, and Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing



PARSONAGE UPDATE...

By the time you are reading this, Pastor Jeff and his family will have moved into the new parsonage. While there is still construction of the addition going on, a lot of renovations and improvements have been completed inside the house. Thanks to a lot of volunteers, great contractors, and God's blessings we were able to do a lot in the house.

The home has three bedrooms on the first floor and one on the second, a main bathroom on the first floor and a second bathroom upstairs, a family room, kitchen, and living room/dining room. The house had a wall between the original living room and the kitchen. As part of the renovations that wall was removed to open the space up to the kitchen for a more open concept. This allows that living room to have more flexibility in its use as it can now be used as a dining room if so desired. The kitchen has been totally remodeled with new wood floors, new counters and a new island, a new refrigerator, microwave, stove, and dishwasher. Additionally, a new sink, garbage disposal, lights and cabinets were installed. In the family room a new wool carpet and ceiling fan were installed. Ceiling fans were also installed in two of the downstairs bedrooms. Every room in the house, including the closets, was painted and blinds were installed. For the living/dining room curtains were purchased and installed and new lights were added to the ceiling. Multiple smoke/CO2 detectors were installed throughout the house. A washer and dryer have been provided. A new runner was put on the stairs leading to the upstairs bedroom. The downstairs bathroom has a new dual flush toilet and a new countertop, sink and faucet. Since the master bedroom is getting a brand-new closet, the old closet was flipped into another bedroom to give that room extra closet space. The front door has been replaced and a new garage door opener has been provided. The house has a one car garage and a carport. In the backyard there are several sheds where a lawn mower and snowblower are stored along with several other items. The addition will provide the house with a new closet, bathroom, and laundry room with all new fixtures and an accessible shower. The contractor has completed the foundation and is in the process of building the frame.

We are enormously proud of the work that has been done on house and are looking forward to having a beautiful home for our pastor and his family. Please pray for Jeff and his family as they make this transition and complete their move.

Submitted by,
Kelly Visker



Leadership***McKownville Church Leadership for 2022*****Leadership Council Teams**

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Team Leader | Kim Keane |
| Pastor | Jeff Landon |
| Certified Lay Minister Healing | Olive Ezekiel |
| Recording Secretary | <i>Open</i> |
| Lay Leader | Nancy Rutenber |
| Lay Member Annual. Conf. | Frank D'Ambrosio |
| Rsv. Lay Member Annual Conf. | Nancy Rutenber |
| Treasurer | Tim Pierce |
| Financial Secretary | Thomas Myers |
| Team Leader Christian Edu. | Kim Keane |
| Team Leader Finance | Henry Walter |
| Team Leader Memorials & Gifts | Nancy Pullen |
| Team Leader Outreach | Darcianne Leizer |
| Team Leader Senior Ministries | Darcianne Leizer |
| Team Leader Spiritual Gifts | Jeff Landon |
| Team Leader Visuals | Paul Krekeler |
| Team Leader Worship | Jeff Landon |
| Representative, Staff Parish | George Janeczko |
| Representative, Trustees | <i>Elected by Trustees</i> |
| Church Historian | Nancy Rutenber |
| Supt. Church School | Kim Keane |
| Membership Secretary | Linda Faulkner |
| At Large Members | Nancy Clarke |
| Dorothy Ellinwood | Paul Krekeler |
| Marion Leizer | Darlene Staats |
| Kelly Visker | |

Finance Teams

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| Financial Secretary | Henry Walter, Ldr. |
| Treasurer | Tom Myers |
| Assistant Treasurer | Tim Pierce |
| *Chair Leadership Council | Bob Griffiin |
| *Lay Member of Annual Conf. Frank | Kim Keane |
| *Trustee Representative | Frank D'Ambrosio |
| *Lay Leader | <i>Selected by Trustees</i> |
| Chair of Tellers | Nancy Rutenber |
| *By holding another Leadership Council position. | Chris Visker |

Staff Parish Teams

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Until 12/31/2022</u> | George Janeczko, Ldr. |
| | George Janeczko |
| | Dorothy Ellinwood |
| <u>Until 12/31/2023</u> | Pat Beauregard |
| <u>Until 12/31/2024</u> | Alan Longshore |
| | Monte Waters |

Christian Education Teams

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Church School Supt. | Kim Keane, Ldr. |
| Church School Assistant | Kim Keane |
| Youth Group Advisor | <i>Open</i> |
| Camping Coordinator | Angela Stott |
| Adult Forum Coordinator | Lelaina Beauregard |
| Nancy Rutenber | Nancy Clarke |
| Monte Waters | Henry Walter |
| Teachers/Sub Teachers | Recruited by Team Ldr. |

Outreach/Missions Team

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| James Bowen | Darcianne Leizer, Ldr. |
| George Janeczko | Ted Collins |
| Angela Stott | Todd Nemec |
| Tricia Stott | James Stott |

Worship Teams

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| Music Coordinators | Jeff Landon |
| | Nancy Clarke |
| | Christy Beauregard |
| Visuals Team | Paul Krekeler |
| Ayako Kubo | Thomas Myers |
| Altar Steward | Kristin Waters |
| Children's Bulletins | Arthur Stott |
| Communion Stewards | Lynn Daly |
| | Linda Faulkner |
| | Elizabeth Mensah |
| | Judy Bliven |
| | Sandra Smith |
| Sanctuary Steward | Stephanie DeVall |
| Coffee Hour Stewards | Nancy Rutenber |
| | Angela Stott |
| | Stephanie DeVall |
| | Christy Beauregard |
| | Nancy Clarke |
| Usher/Greeter Coordinator | |
| Lay Worship Coordinator | |
| Flower Coordinator | |
| Acolyte Coordinator | |
| Praise Team | |
| Pat Beauregard | |
| Matt Steffens | |

Spiritual Gifts Team

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| <u>Until 12/31/2022</u> | Jeff Landon, Ldr. |
| <u>Until 12/31/2023</u> | Darcianne Leizer |
| | Henry Walter |
| | Paul Krekeler |
| <u>Until 12/31/2024</u> | Pat Beauregard |

Senior Ministry Team

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| Frank D'Ambrosio | Darcianne Leizer, Ldr. |
| Emma Herendeen | Dorothy Ellinwood |
| Nancy Pullen | Pauline Martin |
| Henry Walter | Nancy Rutenber |

Memorials & Gifts

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| Dorothy Ellinwood | Nan Pullen, Ldr. |
| | Emma Herendeen |

Trustees

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| <u>Until 12-31/2022</u> | <i>Leadership elected by trustees</i> |
| | Nan Pullen |
| | Noreen VanDoren |
| <u>Until 12-31-2023</u> | James Stott |
| | Kelly Visker |
| | Nancy Rhodes |
| <u>Until 12/31/2024</u> | Tom Myers |

Brooks BBQ Fundraiser

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| Frank D'Ambrosio, Ldr. |
| <i>Next BBQ Leader-in-Training: January 2022</i> |

COVID-19 Re-Open Team

Leadership Council

Speak with a Team Leader if you would like to be on a team.

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT TO CONGREGATION

Members and Friends – Congratulations on your response to the 2021 fiscal needs of McKownville United Methodist Church! Thank you! Collectively we have supported the annual budget, given beyond the budget to charitable causes outside our congregation, and responded to the request for funds to provide a parsonage for our pastor.

A total of \$239,237 was given toward operational costs. Fifty-six persons/families who pledged gave \$202,427 and 37 persons/families who did not pledge gave \$36,810. In addition, monies that could not be identified with any particular person averaged \$80 a week. Building use, half of normal, was impacted by the Covid pandemic. Our two Brooks Chicken BBQs together raised seven thousand dollars. In all, we received \$254,190 to support spending on our pastor, staff, physical plant, and giving to others through the Upper New York Conference.

GIVING to Operational Budget in 2021

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Identifiable | \$239,237 |
| Non-identifiable | 4,328 |
| Building Use | 3,237 |
| BBQ May & October | 7,038 |
| Miscellaneous | 350 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$254,190 |

SPENDING of Operational Budget in 2021

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| People (57%) | |
| Pastor | \$106,028 |
| Admin/Organist/Choir Dr. | 34,161 |
| Our Share of SS | 2,783 |
| | \$142,972 |
| Trustees (26%) | 63,212 |
| Ministry Shares (14%) | 36,029 |
| Office (1.5%) | 3,921 |
| Program for us and others (1.5%) | |
| Finance Team | 1,827 |
| Worship Team | 872 |
| Staff-Parish Relations Team..... | 690 |
| Christian Education | 316 |
| Fellowship & Growth | 15 |
| Outreach | 0 |
| | \$ 3,719 |
| TOTAL SPENDING | \$249,854 |

More than half of our spending was for people: our pastor (salary, housing, health insurance, retirement, continuing education), administrative assistant, organist, choir director, and our share of Social Security taxes on non-pastoral staff. Total cost of staff was 57% of our annual spending.

Trustees keep us warm, safe, and dry. They arrange for trash pickup, grass cutting, snow removal, repair and maintenance of equipment, pest control, insurance on property and workers. They make sure we have gas, electricity, and water. Those ordinary costs were 26% of budget this year.

Ministry Shares sent to Upper New York Conference pay for a bishop, eight District Superintendents, various boards, the means to make them effective, and some global charities. In 2021, that was 14% of budget.

Office costs include preparing, printing, and mailing paper copies of our newsletter, postage for general mailings, and miscellaneous needs like paper clips and tape. Office costs were 1.5% of budget.

Our programs – educating our children and ourselves, worshiping together, reaching out to neighbors – totaled \$3719, a mere 1.5% of budget. We spent nothing on “Outreach” and a pittance on “Fellowship and Growth.” The part of McKownville Church that is to make disciples of Jesus uses only a tiny part of our resources. How important is discipleship relative to other activities.

In summary, for 2021, we show income greater than expenses. The difference \$4,157 will be carried forward to the operating budget for 2022. We have not had a surplus at the end of the year for some time. We should congratulate ourselves. But keep in mind that we spend very little on discipleship.



In addition to the operating budget of the church, other causes request and receive our money. Contributions to these are above and beyond your annual pledge to the operating budget. Some are denominational, some local. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides immediate help to those injured by natural events or human disasters. Think hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, forest fires – UMCOR is there quickly to respond to pressing needs. UMCOR also funnels money to international causes such as Africa University. There were special offerings for World Wide Communion and Native American Sunday. Locally we gave to poorer families through our Christmas Tree of gifts and we sent 103 boxes to Operation Christmas Child. In 2021, this giving was at least \$2,900. “At least” because we keep no records of donations through our Christmas Tree program or Guilderland Food Pantry.

The Pumpkin Patch, open eight to ten hours daily from late-September through Halloween, offers pumpkins to our neighbors and raises money for national and international mission projects. This year’s Pumpkin Patch raised \$7,525, all for missions and none for operating budget.

The Trustees have a fund to accumulate monies to handle unforeseen emergencies. Some congregations call these “rainy day” funds. In 2021, the Trustees received \$12,088 as direct gifts, as rent from our neighbors Renaissance Florists and Dunkin’ Donuts, and from donated clothing in our collection bins. The Trustees’ Fund had expenses of \$2,300 in 2021.

The Pastor’s Contingency Fund provides small gifts to temporarily needy folks.

To donate to any of these non-budget causes, write a check to the church and indicate on the memo line the particular cause you wish to support. Support can also be as a volunteer, especially for the Pumpkin Patch. Program teams welcome new members. Contact the team chair.

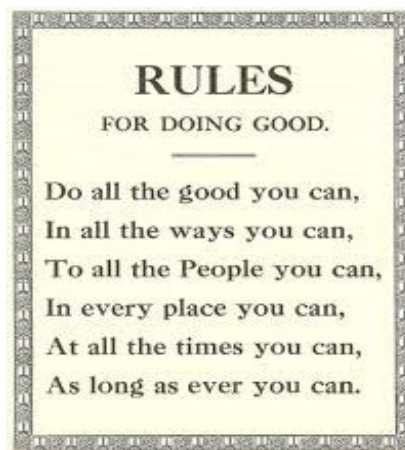
Parsonage! We purchased a home on Ableman Avenue as a parsonage for our pastor. The estimated cost for purchase and renovations was \$300,000. In 2021 we received donations of \$98,833 cash and stock. This strong support enabled timely acquisition and renovation of the property. It will also help in obtaining a favorable mortgage. Thanks to all who contributed. In addition to cash, gifts included donation of legal advice and labor talents installing a new parsonage kitchen. This will be a continuing need until we pay off the mortgage.

We had two fund-raising events this year. We sponsored Brooks Chicken BBQ in May and October. Success depends strongly on enthusiastic volunteers. Consider helping May 7, 2022, or October 1, 2022. Watch for the announcement!

We now begin a new year. An operating budget was presented to Leadership Council January 2022. It reflected the usual needs for staff, physical plant, parsonage, and benevolences. Proposed spending, about the same as 2021 and based on last year’s experience, seems sound. Anticipated giving is less certain. Our November 2021 Financial Campaign resulted in 46 pledges for a total commitment of \$159,000. We need a third more money and a third more commitment! That is a challenge, and the challenge is both financial and spiritual. Should/Could/Will our congregation be a larger presence in our neighborhood in 2022? One resource available to make this happen is our collective mix of people and talents. No one can do everything; many can do something; together we can complete the task. Pick a cause that is dear to your heart and join a team to make it happen!

Submitted by:
Your Finance Team

Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation



December 12, 2021, there was a congregational meeting to discuss the **Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation** that will come before the 2022 General Conference for discussion and decision. The informational handouts (conversation guide & Grace through Separation proposals) on the proposed split of the United Methodist Church remain available. Also, the full minutes of the meeting are available the church office.

The proposal includes: a sum of monies to be split between the separating church/es; any policy changes will be made by the remaining UMC after separation/s complete; churches who choose to disaffiliate as an independent church (instead of joining a new Methodist denomination recognized through the process) lose their building and assets; pensions and such would transfer to the new Methodist denomination/s.

While there are challenges facing the congregation, our mission remains the same: to make disciples for Jesus Christ. And the example set by our founder John Wesley remains: *"Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? If it be, give me thine hand."* Even if we are not in complete agreement, we can work together based on our foundations.

Questions for the congregation to consider include:

So how will we as a congregation continue to seek ways to reach our community more effectively with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

How will we overcome barriers to accomplishing our mission?

Upper New York Conference should provide additional questions for churches to consider in the spring (perhaps March/April). When appropriate, another congregational meeting will be announced by the Leadership Council.

Spiritual Practice:
A Reflection on Finding Your Way

“What to Do in the Darkness”

*Go Slowly
Consent to it
But don't wallow in it
Know it as a place of germination
And growth
Remember the light
Take an outstretched hand if you find one
Exercise unused senses
Find the path by walking it
Practice trust
Watch for dawn*

—Marilyn Chandler McEntyre



Meditate on this poem. How does it speak to your experience? Create your own list of “What to Do in the Darkness.”

Questions to Ponder...

Loss of control teaches us to depend on one another

- Think of a time when you were in a crisis. What gifts did you witness in others? How did each person's contribution make a difference?
- What contribution did you make? How did that change the situation? If you found yourself in the same situation again, would you do anything differently?
- Can you think of a time when waiting helped you to reach out to others?

Loss of control allows us to surrender to grief.

- Think of a time when you surrendered to circumstances you couldn't control. What was that like for you?
- Is there an area of your life where loss of control might have some things to teach you?

Sumbitted by:
Nancy Clarke

The Guilderland Food Pantry

Here are the current items needed

- ⇒ Laundry detergent
- ⇒ Canned fruit
- ⇒ Dish detergent
- ⇒ Canned vegetables
- ⇒ Juices
- ⇒ Paper towels
- ⇒ Toilet paper
- ⇒ Tooth paste
- ⇒ Tooth brushes
- ⇒ Shampoo



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

Location
Guiderland Food Pantry
4 Charles Park Boulevard
Guiderland, NY 12084
Phone: 518-930-1001

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 everyone who had volunteered. 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.*

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.





FEBRUARY DUTIES CALENDAR



| <u>DATE</u> | <u>GREETERS/USHERS</u> | <u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| February 6th | To be Determined | Christina Beauregard |
| February 13th | To be Determined | Kelly Visker |
| February 20th | To be Determined | Matt Steffens |
| February 27th | To be Determined | Nancy Rhodes |

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 Leaders, 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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries to celebrate this month...

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|----|-----------------|
| 4 | Jessica Brunk |
| 10 | Danielle Klahr |
| 14 | Adrianna DeVall |
| 14 | Joe Shanley |
| 15 | Suzie Weis |
| 18 | Denise Francus |
| 24 | Darlene Pompei |
| 25 | Sue Pett |
| 26 | J. Donald Smith |



FEBRUARY 2022

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

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

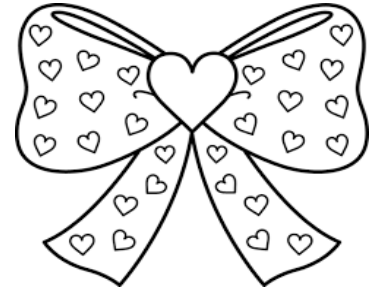
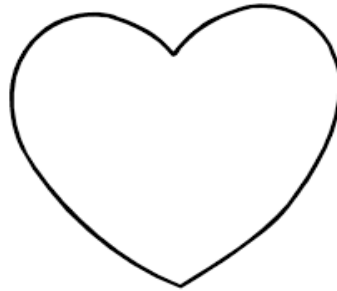
5:45 pm New Song Rehearsal

6:30 pm Reborn Rehearsal

Visual team meetings: Varies as needed.....

2:30pm on the first Sunday of the month

ACTIVITY PAGE



Happy Valentine's Day

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