

McKownville Church News

April 2022

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

Volume 13, No. 4

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

Articles Inside

***Articles for the May 2022 Newsletter
are due by April 15th.***

Front Cover.....	Pg. 1
Announcements.....	Pgs. 2-4
A Focal Point.....	Pg. 5
Ministry Healing.....	Pgs. 6-7
Lenten Calendar.....	Pg. 8
The Yellow Box.....	Pgs. 9-10
Easter Flower Order Form.....	Pg. 11
Lenten Fish Fry.....	Pg. 12
Brooks Chicken BBQ.....	Pg. 13
Annual CROP Walk.....	Pg. 14
Native American Ministries.....	Pg. 15
Operation Christmas Child.....	Pg. 16
Guilderland Food Pantry.....	Pg. 17
Worship Sunday.....	Pg. 18
Monthly Church Meetings.....	Pg. 19
Monthly Duties Calendar.....	Pg. 20
Anniversaries & Birthdays.....	Pg. 21
Monthly Calendar.....	Pg. 22
Activity Page.....	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...

WORSHIP SERVICES SCHEDULE



- Palm Sunday—April 10th @ 10:00 am
- Holy Thursday—April 14th @ 7:30 pm
- Good Friday—April 15th @ 7:30 pm
- Easter Sunday—April 17th @ 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome...

HOLY WEEK MEETINGS



- Due to Holy Week activities, the *Finance Team* will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of April, April 19th, at 7 pm via ZOOM.
- The *Leadership Council* meeting will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month, as a hybrid. The meeting will begin at 7 pm in the back of the church sanctuary on April 26th at 7 pm or via the zoom link which will be sent out the week before with the agenda.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School *will not have* an Easter Egg Hunt this year as there is only 1 church service. Children attending in person will be able to take a gift bag. There will also be gift bags available during Holy Week in the Church office for those not able to attend or attending online.

CACC HOMELESS SHELTER

Our church has continued to provide meals for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter in Albany, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, since last November. I wanted to take this opportunity to offer a blessing and express my thankfulness to the following individuals (as well as any helpers they recruited) for providing a warm dinner on behalf of our church to the 15 homeless men who were able to stay at the Shelter: Laura and Joe Benson Marotta, Ted Collins, Sherie Braun, Patti Krekeler, Barbara Cullen, Ildra and Carl Morse, and my husband, Chris VanDoren. We provide the meals to an overflow Homeless Shelter, which closes for the summer, so our last meal will be delivered on April 25th. We will begin providing meals again in November of 2022; and I (Noreen VanDoren) will be looking for volunteers at that time.



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

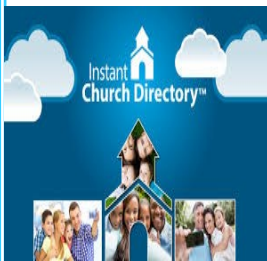
Click Here To
Volunteer

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!

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.

Submitted by,
Angela Stott

LENTEN PROJECT

"THANK YOU" compassionate people for your generosity with funds for our hygiene kit project. We will be shopping soon and assembling kits in April.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

GIRL SCOUT SOCK COLLECTION?

- Thank you for all your support in making this a great success!
- Your donations were greatly appreciated!



SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION?



Olive Ezekiel would like to attend Sunday worship services once or twice a month if possible. Since she no longer has a vehicle, she would need transportation to and from church. If anyone would be willing to help her out, please let her know. Olive can be reached by phone at (518) 650-4812 or by email at oezekiel@twc.com. Thank you....

WORSHIP SERVICES



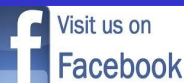
Sunday worship services are held at 10:00 am.

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



A FOCAL POINT



A **focal point**, is defined as “focus, the center of activity, attraction or attention.” Our focus, or focal points can shift as our environment changes. A simple example is when we shift our focus from our tasks at work to our families when we arrive home.

The concept of a central focal point came to mind recently while driving on a highway in heavy traffic. If your cars are equipped with “*lane assist*,” then you’re probably familiar with the warnings you hear or feel when you drift too close to the edge of your lane. The warnings are audible or can be a slight vibration felt on the steering wheel. This feature is to remind us to be alert and “focus.”

Surrounded by other vehicles, I found myself drifting back and forth to keep from getting too close to the cars on either side of me, causing the lane assist to become, let’s say, “very active.” I realized that yes, I needed to be well-aware of vehicles near me, but also, to recenter my focus, and concentrate on a point ahead in the distance to stay centered in my lane. Refocusing my attention to where it needed to be allowed me to continue driving forward with less stress, and with more confidence.

That brief experience drew a parallel to what I believe may be very common among us this Lenten Season. Clearly, our world today is filled with serious concerns, some of the most serious of our generation if not beyond. Our focus, and rightly so, can easily be pulled toward horrific war scenes, health issues with the pandemic, racial violence and other concerns. Yet through it all, we can’t allow ourselves to lose sight of the One true Focal Point that has and will continue to be our never-failing source of hope and strength – **The Cross**.

At The Cross we see Jesus, the Perfect Example of how to live our lives, Jesus who voluntarily gave His life for us to save us from sin. At **The Cross** we find the eternal peace that only Jesus can offer. And at **The Cross** we find the One and Only answer to saving our world from ourselves.



We have so much to pray for this Lenten Season – our families, friends, leaders, and millions of people overseas that we have never met. During this sacred time of year, as our world events draw such serious concern, worry and anxiety, let’s remember to keep our focus and center of attention on the Focal Point that can lead us to peace and overcome any challenge we, or our world may be facing.

When the world around us causes us to react and drift, let’s remember to shift our focal point to **The Cross**, and place all our concerns in the trusting Hands of our Lord Jesus.

*Blessings for peace and a prayerful Lenten Season,
Dom Perfetti*

Healing Ministry

The Story of Ruth and Naomi

Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. Praise the Lord, for keeping us safe every day. So many things have been going on in the world lately.

We are watching the news and seeing so many people trying to move from one country to another. It is not easy; and, it is very challenging. Some families are separated, including children from their parents. It is a tearful experience.



Here is the story about the life of Ruth and Naomi. Both women had lost their husbands and all their belongings. They had to start their lives fresh in their home country. One woman was a mother in law and the other woman was her daughter in law. Their story took place during the period of Judges in our Bible. There were dark days of Israel (Judge 17:6). "In those days Israel had no King everyone did as they saw fit." But some who followed our true God. The two women were Naomi and Ruth. Their experiences are beautiful with loyalty, friendship, commitment to God, understanding and respecting each other.

Naomi and Ruth were not of the same religion. Naomi worshipped the God of Israel and Ruth did not. Their cultures, ages, and family backgrounds were very different. They were in deep sorrow, but they clicked with each other with great affection. In our world, sometimes we may hear some daughter in laws say, "Let me tell you about my mother in law." It may sometimes be negative, humorous, complaining, angry, upsetting, or even ridiculing. These two women are teaching the present world about the relationships between a mother in law and a daughter in law. They are also showing the meaning of their titles, true relationships, how to be a peace maker, and also how to be a role model for others.

In the period of the ancient world, widows were the ignored ones. There was nothing worse than being a widow. They were poor, helpless, and lived a sorrowful life. Naomi had a plan to leave Moab and go to Bethlehem to start a fresh life. She told her daughter-in-law, Ruth, "Return to your home, and have a new life." (Ruth 1:11-13). Ruth was a Moabite, but after she married Naomi's son, she started to worship the true God. And the God of Israel accepted her as his believer. Ruth belonged to a race that was not accepted by the Israelites. Ruth said to her mother in law, "Don't urge me to leave you or turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God, where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." (Ruth 1:16-17).

(Continued from previous page)



But God of Israelites accepted Ruth, regardless of her race, sex or nationality. Ruth is the perfect example for God's impartiality. In later years she became the great grandmother of King David and direct ancestor of Christ. Ruth was not allowed her bitterness and disappointment to destroy her opportunities. She never sat at home and waited for any opportunities. She took the initiative and she went to work in the fields. When the wheat and barley were in harvest, the workers cut down the stalks and bundled them. Some of the grains were dropped on the field. As per the Scriptures, (Leviticus 19:9). "When you reap the harvest of your land, do

not reap to the very edges of your field or gather gleanings of your harvest." Leaving the edges of the field unharvested, providing food for the poor, and the travelers. Ruth worked to collect the grain from the edges of the fields and any grain dropped on the field. It was hard work; but, God provided her the strength.

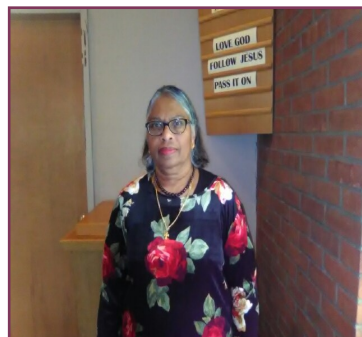
If someone is waiting for the right opportunity, don't wait. Ask God to lead you to the opportunity. Ruth put her faith in God, hard work, service to her mother in law, and family, with love and braveness. The relationship between Naomi and Ruth was a great bond and faith in God.

This mother in law and daughter in law relationship was a strong mutual commitment. Naomi was able to see her daughter in law's joy. As mother in law and daughter in law, they probably had tension, stress, anger, at times; but, they were bound each other. Ruth's love for her mother in law was great in the presence of Bethlehem Town people also.

Ruth was unaware of the plan and purposes for her life from God. Ruth was blessed to be a part of King David and Messiah. We must make our plans and choices with God. Each of us may have parents, older friends, or relatives looking out for our best interest. As we go and do our daily work, let us allow God also work with us just like he did in Ruth's life. Amen.



"Lord, God almighty, I come before your feet this day, with myself and my family members. Lay Thy Holy Hands on us, keep us safe. Grant us grace to live a life with love each other like Ruth and Naomi. Shower all the blessings on us. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing

LENTEN CALENDAR

- This works like the reverse of an advent calendar. Each day during the 40 days of Lent (remember no Sundays!— those are the days you donate) gather from your pantry or add to your grocery list these suggested items. Instead of getting something new each day like on an advent calendar, you will GIVE something new each day. At the end of the week, bring your donations to church and drop them off. At the end of the collection the items will be blessed and then donated to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Ash Wednesday starts Lent and should be the first day of your donations calendar.

		Macaroni & Cheese	Ketchup	Juice	Cake Mix	
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Mandarin Oranges	Peanut Butter	Cereal	Mustard	Hot Cocoa	
Tooth Paste	Box of Pasta	Canned Carrots	Jelly	Oatmeal	Cooking Oil	
Shampoo	Toilet Paper	Brownie Mix	Canned Peas	Tuna	Mayonnaise	
Canned Peaches	Dish Detergent	Tooth Brush	Bisquick	Canned Corn	Chicken Noodle Soup	
Jucie Boxes 100% Juice	Dinty Moore Stew	Paper Towels	Facial Tissues	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Canned Green Beans	
Vegetable Soup	Baked Beans (canned)	Coffee	Tea	Hand Soap	Canned Chicken	



The Yellow Box



The Yellow Box

The *Yellow Box*, in the rack at the rear of the sanctuary, holds books and videos about religious topics. From time to time, books are returned to our church library and new ones taken out. Recent additions to the *Yellow Box* are listed below. On your way out after your next worship experience, pick an item to read or watch at home. Borrowing is on the honor system: take an item, read/watch, return for another person to enjoy.

VIDEOS

Day of Discovery - The Day of Discovery video club published each quarter year a DVD containing four shows. Now in the Yellow Box, the disk for Spring 2007 offers four related shows: Saul, King of Promise; David, King of Power; Solomon, King of Privilege; Love's Lasting Call. There are two dozen disks in this set. Others may be found in the church library. Speak with Henry Walter for a list of titles. These videos are a generous gift from Olive Ezekiel.



Risen (2019) - The impact of the crucifixion and resurrection on the centurion in charge.

The Robe (1953) - The story of the robe taken from Jesus at the cross and its effect on witnesses.

The Ten Commandments (1956) - A retelling of the Exodus story.

BOOKS

God's Touch: Faith, Wholeness, and the Healing Miracles of Jesus; Bruce Epperly [2001; 13 chapters, 230 pages]

Heirs to Forgotten Kingdoms: A Journey into the Disappearing Religions of the Middle East; Gerard Russell [2014; 7 chapters, 300 pages]. Current news reports of the Middle East sometimes refer to religious groups with unfamiliar names: Druze, Mandaens, Yazidis, Zoroastrians, Samaritans, Copts, and Kalasha. Learn the stories of these people in this fascinating account by an officer of the British Foreign Service who was on assignment to the home countries of these peoples.

Invitation to Psalms; Michael Jenkins [2008; 130 pages] short-term Disciple Bible study.

Letters to a Young Muslim Man; Omar Saif Ghobash [2016; 27 sermons, 245 pages] The author, an Arab diplomat, writes letters to his young adult son concerning pressing issues about Islam as a faith tradition in today's cosmopolitan world.



Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White; Adam Hamilton [2008; 23 chapters, 240 pages] Read how Adam Hamilton, in both faith and politics, seeks to forge a new path that transcends the extremes of our polarized and paralyzed culture and our divided church.

The Gospel According to Winnie the Pooh; Bruce Epperly [2016; 17 chapters, 105 pages] Explore the spiritual dimensions of A. A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh stories from a progressive Christian perspective.

The Imitation of Christ; Thomas à Kempis



The Keepers: An Introduction to the History and Culture of the Samaritans; R. T. Anderson & Terry Giles [2002; 10 chapters, 160 pages]. Today there are about 500 persons living who call themselves Samaritans and claim descent from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. They have a Pentateuch as do the Jews, and they claim to be Israelites from olden days. Read about these fascinating people.

The Promise of World Peace [1985; 40 pages] A statement to the People of the World by the Universal House of Justice.

Zimbabwe (2016). Travel guide to Zimbabwe with maps, pictures, and narrative information. The Methodist Church supports the Africa University near Mutare and a mission hospital and school at Mutambara. Several of our members were there on mission July 2017.

Submitted by,
Henry Walter



EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS

Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church and mail to Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, or hand them to Angela after church.

Please do not send cash!

Deadline is Sunday, April 10, 2022

_____ \$13.25	Easter Lilly
_____ \$25.00	Azalea
_____ \$10.00	Daffodil
_____ \$10.00	Hyacinth
_____ \$10.00	Tulip



Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

I will pick up my plant on Easter Sunday _____.

If you do not wish to keep your plant, please give it to a shut-in, friend or family member.

EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS

Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church and mail to Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, or hand them to Angela after church.

Please do not send cash!

Deadline is Sunday, April 10, 2022

_____ \$13.25	Easter Lilly
_____ \$25.00	Azalea
_____ \$10.00	Daffodil
_____ \$10.00	Hyacinth
_____ \$10.00	Tulip



Given by _____

In Memory of _____

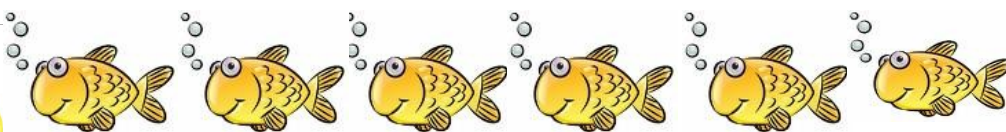
In Honor of _____

I will pick up my plant on Easter Sunday _____.

If you do not wish to keep your plant, please give it to a shut-in, friend or family member.



McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203



Lenten Fish Fry

McKownville United Methodist Church

1565 Western Avenue

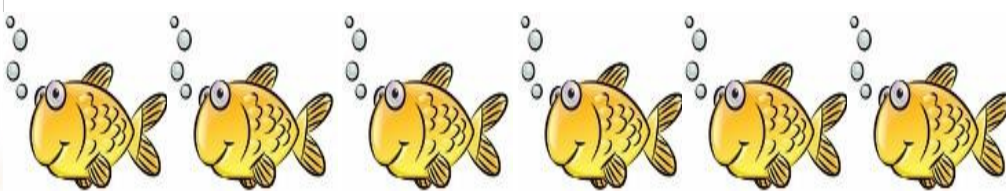
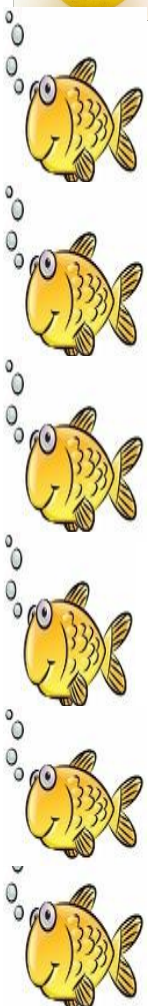
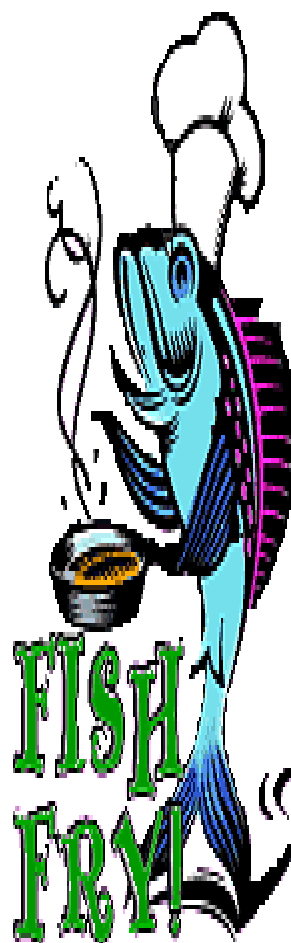
Friday, April 8, 2022

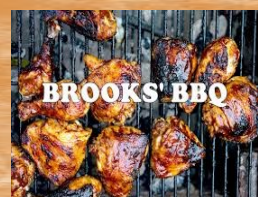
11am-7pm

Dinner \$12.00 – includes fish sandwich, coleslaw,
fries or onion rings & sauce

Fish fry only \$10.00

Child's dinner \$8.00





BROOKS CHICKEN BAR B QUE

APRIL 30, 2022



This is an update to the information printed in the March newsletter. The event will be held from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 30, 2022. There will **not** be any pre-ordering or pre-paying as previously planned. All other information is correct as previously stated.



One thing which has changed significantly is the urgency for this event to be an outreach as well as financial success. The horrors in Ukraine weigh heavily on everyone's mind, and many nations (as well as churches and humanitarian organizations within those nations) are trying desperately to provide help to the millions of people displaced as a result of this invasion. Our biggest means to help is by donations to UMCOR, which is participating in the relief effort. That is the "outreach" part of the urgency of this effort. The financial part has to be with being able to "do ministry" in our community and beyond: education, witnessing, mission projects, hunger relief, etc. are as much a part of doing ministry as preaching and singing about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Years ago, I saw a sign which I thought said it very well: "Enter to worship; exit to serve." Our current membership and budget make it difficult to do the latter. We need more people to not just join the church, but become an active part in the life of the church. We need (as you've heard over and over again) more money to pay for all these ministries. This is not about selling chicken dinners. It is about having the ability to make a truly positive difference in the community.

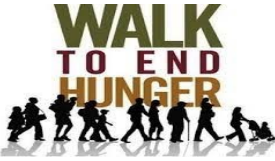
I urge you now to join the effort to make this event the most successful drive -thru barbeque yet. It takes people to make it work. Last October, many people came together and worked tirelessly; the spring event is usually larger in terms of sales. You will soon see opportunities for online registration; you will also be able to reach out to me directly by phone, email, or in person.

ONLINE
REGISTRATION

This is part of BEING "disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Respectfully submitted,
Frank M. D'Ambrosio





ANNUAL CROP WALK *SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022*

As you have heard, the 42nd annual CROP Walk for Hunger will be held live May 1, 2022. Registration for this event starts at 12:30 pm, and the walk itself starts at 1:15pm with bagpipes playing Amazing Grace. There will be 2 distances from which to choose: 1 mile and 3 miles. In addition to the live event, people may choose to participate “virtually”, meaning in their own neighborhoods with families and/or friends. All this is already familiar to many of you, as you have heard about it from me and others many times over the years. This year, however, the walk takes on an even greater urgency at both the local food pantry levels and the global needs addressed by Church World Service. Before getting into that; however, here are a few wonderful numbers to consider: out of 450 walks across the nation, the Albany CROP Walk ranked 7th in terms of money raised in 2021: \$104,008! Of that amount, \$26,002 was distributed among 26 local food pantries and soup kitchens, while the remaining \$78,006 was transmitted to Church World Service. This is a testimony to the spirit of the caring people of Albany County.

Now, however, the need has been increased exponentially! According to both United Methodist Committee on Relief and International Rescue Commission, millions of women, children, the elderly, and the infirm have been forced to flee their homes in Ukraine and go to Poland, Hungary, Moldova, and any place else they could reach to find refuge from the carnage endured in their homeland. Able-bodied men aged 18-60 are staying behind to fight against the invading forces, which have mercilessly bombed schools, hospitals, and private homes. Nations have banded together to impose economic sanctions against Russia. What does all this have to do with the CROP WALK FOR HUNGER? Everything! Through Church World Service, people in this community and in this nation can come together and donate money to provide relief in the form of food, clothing, and medical supplies to all the displaced people. I have seen so many photographs of what is taking place in Ukraine that it feels like World War II all over again!! My purpose here is not to make a political statement. My purpose here is to urge all of us Christians to truly be “disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!” We can’t join the war effort; but, we can support the humanitarian relief efforts for these gallant people. In our hearts, we may feel helpless to make a positive difference in the world around us; but, through the generous giving of our time, talent, gifts, and services, we can always contribute to the improvement of our very troubled world.

I will be attending a CROP Walk Rally on March 20, 2022, at the First Lutheran Church in Albany. (That, by the way, is where the walk starts and ends). At that time, I will pick up sponsor envelopes and materials related to this ongoing effort. Starting March 27th, I will be appealing for both walkers and sponsors. I am well aware that there are many needs around us-all pleading for help; but, we can’t support all of them (At least, most of us can’t!) Nonetheless, because the issue of hunger and overall need for humanitarian aid is so great, I again appeal to everyone in the strongest possible terms to give to this event (and the good it can do) your careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank M. D'Ambrosio



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2022

What is Native American Ministries Sunday?



Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church.

This Special Sunday was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this day and is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Read information on the 2021-2024 Quadrennial Vision For Native American Ministries <http://www.nacp-umc.org/>

To make a contribution for Native American Ministries Sunday, write a check to "Mckownville UMC" and on the memo line write for Native American Ministries Sunday.

Submitted by,
Darcianne Leizer



NEWS FLASH

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CELEBRATION

We are in need of a new Project Leader for Operation Christmas Child. After more than ten years of collecting and wrapping shoeboxes, Noreen is stepping away from this Outreach event. She will gladly answer questions and provide guidance to anyone that may be interested in becoming the new Project Leader.

If you are even remotely interested in being the Project Leader for our church, you are invited to attend one of the two local Celebration Events to learn more about the impact the shoeboxes have on the lives of many! The Celebrations are:

Dessert Party—Friday, April 8—6:30 PM—Clearview C&MA Church, Schodack Muffins & More—Saturday, April 9—9:30 AM—Middleburgh Reformed Church

**Feel free to bring a guest and attend the event that is most convenient for you.*

All are Welcome!*

GUEST SPEAKER at the CELEBRATIONS!

Schimea Nguessan received a shoe box gift as a child.

Nightly in their home in Cote d'Ivoire, Nguessan's mother said, "Even though we don't see a father in this house, we have a Father in heaven. He loves and cares for us." Nguessan asked if this Heavenly Father could also give gifts like he saw the other kids had. His mother encouraged him to pray and ask. After church one Sunday, Nguessan entered a big room that held red-and-green shoeboxes. He thought each box might be for two or three children to share, but to his delight, he got a whole shoebox gift all to himself! "I would feel the joy in that box," Nguessan said.

If interested in attending, please RSVP by 3/31/22 to Jo Ann via email at: jcdopp233@gmail.com or telephone/text at 518-588-2168. Please provide the Names of attendees, which Celebration you will attend and the name and address of our church. During the Celebration, you will hear about the 2021 collections, obtain information for the 2022 year and have all of your questions answered. These Celebrations also provide Leaders with many great ideas for how to raise awareness and excitement for this outreach as well as unique items to add to our boxes. One year we added a hand puppet that was handmade by our sewing guild and another year we included handmade knit hats.

Submitted by,
Noreen VanDoren





The Guilderland Food Pantry

The following items are their basic needs:

- laundry detergent
- dish detergent
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- juices
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- shampoo



Some Additional items needed are listed below:

They are also participating in the back pack program. The back pack program uses individual wrapped items, that are listed below or ones similar:

- Campbell's Homestyle Chicken Noodle Soup (microwavable bowls)
- Kellog's cereal variety pack (single serve variety)
- Hormel Compleats:
 - Salisbury steak (microwave tray, 9 oz.)
 - Meatloaf, gravy with mashed potatoes (microwave tray, 9 oz.)
 - Macaroni and Cheese, 7.5 oz.
- Chef Boyardee Beef in tomato & meat sauce, (microwavable, 7.5 oz)
- canned corn



Location

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

Please Note:

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP



We will continue to broadcast worship live on Facebook for you to participate from the comfort and safety of your own home. Follow these instructions for watching worship – even if you do not have a Facebook account! Facebook will keep the recording of the livestream posted so that you can watch anytime and share as you wish even if you cannot join us on Sundays at 10:00 am. Worship is also posted on YouTube if you have trouble viewing on Facebook (but it is posted after live stream has ended).

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FIND THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON FACEBOOK

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

Step 2: On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:
Watch sermons live here!

Step 3: Click on the word here!

Step 4: Once you are on our Facebook page, scroll down and click on the most recent video on the page. (see orange arrow)

****Please note:** You do not need to log in or create an account to view the live steam.



Step 5: Enjoy the
Worship Service.

MONTHLY CHURCH MEETINGS

Scheduled Meetings

Finance Team.....Second Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Leadership Council.....Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Outreach Team.....Fourth Thursday at 7:00 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.
- ♦ **The Outreach Team will now be meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm**
- ♦ Due to COVID 19, our monthly church meetings are currently being held using ZOOM.





APRIL DUTIES CALENDAR



<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
April 3rd	N/A	Angela Stott
April 10th (Palm Sunday)	N/A	Tom Myers
April 14th (Maundy Thursday)	N/A	Kim Keane
April 15th (Good Friday)	N/A	Nancy Rhodes
April 17th (Easter Sunday)	N/A	Pat Beauregard
April 24th	N/A	Noreen VanDoren

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.***

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Chris & Noreen VanDoren
- 8 Chris & Diane Steffens
- 20 Paul & Barbara Cullen



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Darcianne Leizer
- 4 Kim Keane
- 7 William R. Seim
- 14 Liam Keane
- 15 Paul Cullen
- 16 Ashley Weil
- 17 Matthew Steffens
- 20 Judy Bliven
- 24 Donna Bender
- 29 Christopher DeVall





APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
3 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Visuals Team (Varies as Needed) 2:30 pm (over ZOOM)	4 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	5 Living Resources 10:00 am A.A Meeting 4:30 pm	6 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	7 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm	8	9 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
10 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	11 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	12 Living Resources 10:00 am A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	13 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	14 <u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> Top of the Hill 9:45 am Guilderland Sewing Guild 1:00 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm	15 <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	16 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
17 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	18 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm	19 Living Resources 10:00 am A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	20 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	21 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm	22 Women Together 1:00 pm	23 A.A Meeting 6:00 am
24 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook	25 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees Team 6:00 pm (In the Sanctuary)	26 Living Resources 10:00 am A.A Meeting 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	27 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm	29 Top of the Hill 9:45 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm Outreach Team 7:00 pm	29	30

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

ACTIVITY PAGE



MICROSOFT

1565 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12203-4222

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE EXPEDITE



2 stamps

CONTACT:

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

Website: www.McKownvilleChurch.com

Facebook: [Facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch](https://www.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, Pat
Beauregard, Frank D'Ambrosio, Dorothy Ellinwood,
Alan Longshore, Nancy Rutenber, and Monte Waters

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