

McKownville Church News

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

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

Happy
Mother's
Day

*Articles for the June/July 2022 Newsletter
are due by May 15th.*

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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...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Sunday School resumed on Sunday, September 12, 2021.
- Masks are preferred, but optional.
- If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane at kimkeane04@gmail.com.



A RIDE NEEDED



Olive Ezekiel would like to attend Sunday worship services once or twice a month if possible. If anyone would be able to help her out, please let her know. Olive can be reached by phone at (518) 608-4433 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.



OR



COVID-19, SPREAD PREVENTION PRACTICES:

- Wearing masks is highly recommended, but optional.
- Singing family groups must stay 3 feet apart from other groups/individuals.
- Back two pews may only be used by mask wearing worshippers.



MCKOWNVILLE UMC CONTACT US CARDS

- If anyone would like to:
 - Speak to the Pastor
 - Learn more about our ministries
 - Receive our monthly newsletters
 - Other
- Please fill out the information on the "Contact Us" card.
- These cards are located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.
- After completing the card, please hand it to a church greeter or place it in the offering plate.

McKownville UMC Contact Us Card

- Speak to the Pastor?
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- Contact Information _____
- Goes to greeter or offering plate
- Church Phone: 518-456-1148
- Email: mckownumc@verizon.net

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

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 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.

Submitted by,
Angela Stott

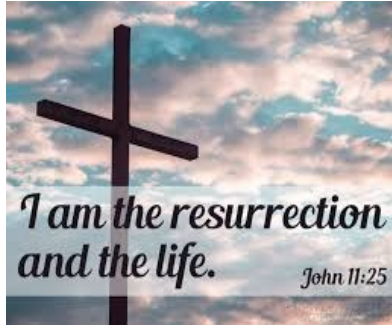
SAVE THIS DATE: “WORSHIP IN THE PARK”

When: Sunday, June 5, 2022
 Where: Tawasentha Park
 Time: 10:00 am worship service
 Officiating: Pastor Jeff Landon

More details soon...



FROM EMPTY TO FULL...



At one time or another, we've all had that empty feeling, something is missing, a feeling of *empty-ness*, or being unfulfilled in some way. *Emptiness* is rarely associated with the positive things in life. Whether it be something physical, social or emotional, the word is typically not used to describe an uplifting experience.

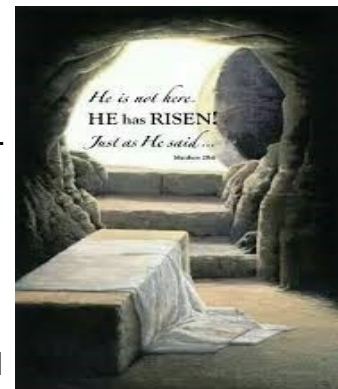
When our gas tanks approach empty, it's not a good thing, when our stomachs are empty – not a good feeling. From a social point of view, when our relationships begin to feel “empty,” it can leave us feeling depressed and discouraged. Yes, when we hear the word “empty,” the odds are that it's not going to leave us in high spirits. *Unless of course, we look with a different perspective...*

Once again, our Lenten Season has come to a joyful end with the celebration of our Lord's glorious resurrection into Heaven. Let's revisit that first Easter morning one more time. *Isn't it just like our Lord, to turn a feeling of emptiness into one of incredible celebration and joy??* Just as Jesus taught us that the last will be first, He also showed us on that first Easter morning, that the empty tomb was visible proof of His victory over death and promise of Eternal Life.

The world around us defines “empty” with words like, *meaningless, no content or value*, and in the sense of the spoken word – *insincere*. Our Lord turns the term completely around and redefines it with *joyfulness, exuberance, happiness and rejoicing!* Our world continues to desperately but unsuccessfully attempt to fill the voids in our lives with temporary solutions through technology and easy access to just about anything we want to purchase. But Jesus's plan is simple and provides the lasting and permanent answer – it's simply to have Faith in Him! The empty tomb is our reminder that eliminates any empty feelings that find their way into our lives.

Lent is just forty days of a long year, but the closeness we share with our Lord during those days can remain with us throughout the entire year, and continue to grow as we pray and connect with Him daily through His Gospels and teachings. Our lives take turns each day, and we can fall prey to the empty promises that our world often glowingly offers. To fill our hearts with the joy and fullness that only Jesus can offer, we need only to return to the empty tomb.

It's the empty tomb that quickly replenishes any emptiness in our lives with peace, hope, love and Jesus's promise of Eternal Life with Him.



Enjoy the warmer days ahead and God Bless,

Dom Perfetti

Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone and I wish you "A HAPPY MOTHERSDAY." Motherhood is very special and unique for every mother. If we ask every mother about their experiences of motherhood they would all be very precious. Some mothers life experiences may be hard and they may sacrifice so much of her own comfort to help her children. Some women may help other mothers and her children to have wonderful days. I want to introduce two midwives from the Old Testament. Exodus 15:1-22, talks about the older women from the new King Pharaoh of Egypt to the Israelites woman . He gave orders to the Hebrew midwives not to save the male children of Israelites after they gave birth. But the midwives had saved the baby boys.



In Exodus 2:1-10, the scripture talks about the mother of Moses and her sacrificial act to save her son. Her name was Amram; and, for three months she was able to keep her son safe. Then she was unable to keep the baby boy, and so she made a plan to save her son. She risked her life, when faced the Pharaoh's order. She had courage, a plan, and was determined to put her faith in action. Amram took the papyrus reed which grows in the swamp of the River Nile and made a basket and overlaid it with a tar covering to make it waterproof. She knew what she was going to do was wrong; but, she used her faith in God of the Israelites, took courage, and put her three month old boy baby in that basket.

Exodus 2:3-4 says, Amram put the basket with the baby boy among the reeds of the River Nile. We can imagine how Amram cried as she put her son in the River Nile. Her painful sacrifice and faith full action behind God of the Israelites had a plan for the boy baby. Her son is going to be a freedom fighter for the Israelites. The boy baby was found by the Pharaoh's daughter and named him Moses. (Ezodus 5:6-19), the mother of Moses later became a nursing mother for Moses.

Amram and her faith saved Moses and brought freedom for the Israelites. In our present day, there are mothers like Amram living and saving their children by their faith and prayers. Let us wish them a "Happy Mothers Day."

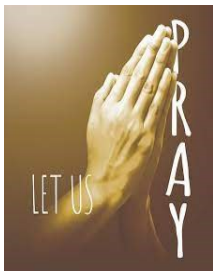


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We just finished celebrating Easter. Mary, the mother of the Lord, Jesus Christ, took courage and obeyed God to be his mother. The gospel of Luke 1:26-38, talks about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She was young and unmarried, and came from a poor family in the Town of Nazareth. She was chosen by God of the Israelites for his plan to redeem the whole world from their sins and provide them with eternal life.

She was accepted to be the mother of the Messiah. Her motherhood experiences were unique, obedient, sacrificed, painful, stressful, tireless, exhausting, selfless service, and tearful. Let us look to our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the cross. Mary was also standing a little far way and looking at her son. We cannot even begin to imagine how Mary was remaining silent as tears were flowing from her eyes. Why did Mary have to do this? But with Mary's submission, she was willing to serve God and accept His plan. All of her painful experiences were going to bring the joy to the world. She saw the resurrected son of God. Her motherhood experiences and teachings are precious to all mothers around the world.

Let us bow our heads and pray for all the mothers around the world.



Almighty God, thank you for all the mothers around the world and for their selfless services to their children and families. Honor them among their families and friends. Bless every mother to have all your blessings now and forever in their lives. Also we are praying for those women who are waiting to deliver their babies and take the title of mother. Bless them to have a safe delivery and let them receive a healthy baby in the arms. We are praying for women who are waiting a the long time to have a baby. Bless them to have a baby. We ask you in the name of Lord, Jesus Christ . Amen."



Olive Ezekiel
Minister For Healing



The Yellow Box



More books, some informative and some reflective, have jumped into the Yellow Box. Take a look.

A Gospel of Hope [2018] by Walter Brueggemann is a short collection of pithy and fulfilling selections from his life's writings and preaching. Short and to the heart.

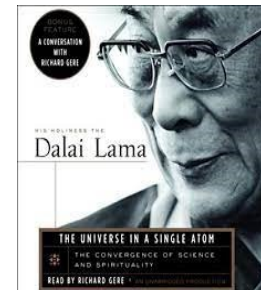
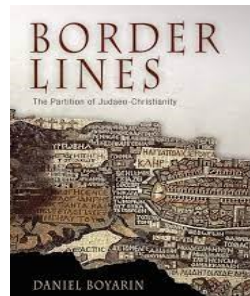
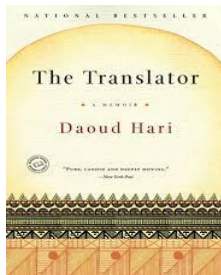
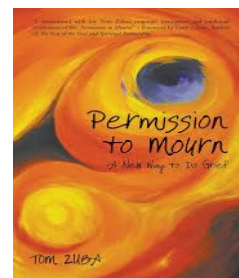
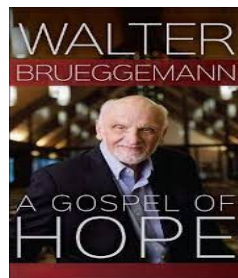
Permission to Mourn: A New Way to Do Grief [2014] by Tom Zuba, a paperback of 100 pages of poetry, explores a number of aspects of mourning. We casually say "she died much too early" as if anyone dies "on time." As a child, Tom experienced the death of a younger brother. As an adult, he lost a child and a wife. In these poems Tom shares thoughts and experiences.

The Translator by Daoud Hari [2008]. The author, of the tribe of Zaghawa, grew up in the Darfur region of Sudan. His traditional life was upended in 2003 when various militia groups came destroying homes and villages. He became a translator for Western news agencies but was captured. This is his first hand account of those years.

The Universe in a Single Atom by the Dalai Lama [2005]. After a long and full life of study and spiritual, the Dalai Lama presents an analysis of why all avenues of inquire, both scientific and spiritual, must be pursued in order to arrive at a complete picture of the truth.

Border Lines by Daniel Boyarin [2004] looks at how Christians came to be separate from Jews. One might think that the separation came in a few years, or that it came by mutual agreement of the two groups, but the author suggests that outsiders felt the need to provide firm boundaries. Not an easy read but lots of references.

Submitted by,
Henry Walter



Latest Parsonage Updates

- The builders are finishing the last of the tasks for the parsonage addition.
- The new bathroom is installed and the finishing touches such as the towel racks and grab bars are being completed.
- There is a washer and dryer in addition along with ample closet space and a linen closet.
- We are hoping to get our certificate of occupancy very soon.
- We also have covered the lawn with topsoil and grass seed. This beautiful spring weather should help with our lawn growing.
- As many of you are aware, we are still in the process of establishing a loan to repay our generous members who fronted the costs for the renovations. This has been somewhat of a challenge; but, we are praying that our latest application will be approved.
- We also hope that we will be able to pay off the mortgage early and will be looking to have some fund raisers to help in this endeavor.
- If anyone would like to donate to the parsonage or chair a fund raiser, either now or in the future, it would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by,
Kelly Visker



Buildings seen in 1953 near McKownville's 1898 Church

These pictures (except one) from Ildra (Ableman) Morse were taken on June 27, 1953 at the marriage of Helen J. Peterson & James P. Sutton at the McKownville Methodist church (which had replaced in 1898 the original Mission House built 1866). Note the cars parked on the side.



To the left is the picture printed 1966 by the church showing the former 1866 mission church, now in the lot next door.



Below is Ildra, maid of honor at the 1953 wedding, in her backyard with buildings beyond



Above is another bridesmaid & vehicle by house.

To right, beyond the couple, is a barn and other structures also near the church.



If known, more details on the former 1866 church and these other buildings are welcome.

**Submitted by,
Nancy Rutenber, Church Historian**

The Guilderland Food Pantry

The Food Pantry's basic needs:

- laundry detergent (*they are completely out*)
- dish detergent (*they are completely out*)
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- canned fruit (*they are completely out*)
- canned vegetables
- juices
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- canned corn



The Back Pack Food Program's needs:

- Campbell's Homestyle Chicken Noodle Soup (microwavable bowls)
- Kellogg'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



Lenten Calendar Success

- The Guilderland Food Pantry received 243 items weighing 265 pounds from the Lenten Collection.
- As soon as the items were received, a few went right out to a client.
- All the items were greatly appreciated.
- Thank you again for your generosity!



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.





MAY DUTIES CALENDAR



<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
May 1	N/A	Angela Stott
May 8	N/A	Kelly Visker
May 15	N/A	Henry Walter
May 22	N/A	Frank D'Ambrosio
May 29 (Memorial Weekend)	N/A	Nancy Rutenber

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.**



MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Visuals Team <i>(Varies as Needed)</i> 2:30 pm (over ZOOM) Gamblers Anonymous 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 AA Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>4 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Top of the Hill 9:30 am AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm</p>	<p>6 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7 A.A Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am</p>
<p>8 MOTHER'S DAY Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Gamblers Anonymous 6:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)</p>	<p>11 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm</p>	<p>13 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 A.A Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am</p>
<p>15 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Gamblers Anonymous 6:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 Leadership Council 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)</p>	<p>18 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous 7:30</p>	<p>19 Top of the Hill 9:30 am American Sewing Guild 1:00 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm</p>	<p>20 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 A.A Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am</p>
<p>22 Worship Services are held at 10:00 am in the church and over Facebook Gamblers Anonymous 6:00 pm</p>	<p>23 Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees Team 6:00 pm (In the Sanctuary) Adult Forum 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 A.A Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>25 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous 7:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15 pm</p>	<p>27 Women Together 12:00 pm NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm Embroidery Group 12:00 pm</p>	<p>28 A.A Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am</p>
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MAY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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BIRTHDAYS

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- 2 Anthony & Lucille Esposito
- 19 Henry Walter & Dorothy Ellinwood
- 20 Arthur & Donna Bender
- 21 John & Wendy Fox



BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Zachary Visker
- 9 Jackson Wells
- 10 Robert Griffin
- 14 Patrick Braun
- 16 Marion Leizer
- 17 Chris VanDoren
- 22 Loren Meharry
- 26 Barbara O'Neill
- 28 Kerry Ann Williams
- 29 Patrick Beauregard
- 29 Lucille Esposito
- 29 Bill Trubey



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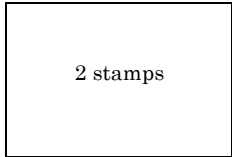
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Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Christine Gould, Church Secretary



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 Jenczko, 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