

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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are due by September 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- This will resume on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:00 am.
- Sunday School will be for pre-school to 6th grade.
- Middle and high school students are encouraged to attend and become helpers at this time.
- Masks are optional.
- If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane at kimkeane04@gmail.com.



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 Facebook.



COVID-19 SPREAD PREVENTION PRACTICES:

- Wearing masks is highly recommended, but optional.
- Singing family groups must stay 3 feet apart from other groups/individuals.



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?
- Learn more about our ministries?
- Receive our newsletters?
- Other? _____
- 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!

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.



2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The Annual Conference has been postponed to October 6-8; and it will be a virtual gathering. The plan is to use the same technology that was used at the 2021 virtual Annual Conference gathering, which was relatively well received.

Anyone who has already registered for the planned in-person Annual Conference gathering, will receive full refunds. The processing of refunds will start immediately; but, could take a couple of weeks to complete. If you made a hotel reservation, you should contact the hotel directly to cancel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

LABOR DAY

- Labor Day is celebrated on Monday, September 5, 2022.
- It is a federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September.
- The church office will be closed in observance of this day.
- The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker.



FUTURE EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- Buckets of Hope Event Saturday, September 10, 2022
- Back to Church Sunday Sunday, September 11, 2022
- Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 11, 2022
- Pumpkin Patch Event (Pumpkins Arrive) Monday, September 26, 2022
- **(Please consider helping to unload these pumpkins when it's time!)**
- Semi Annual Brooks Chicken BBQ Saturday, October 1, 2022
2:00pm to 6:00 pm
- World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 2, 2022
- Mission Trip to Kentucky No dates have been confirmed
- Annual CROP Walk Sunday, May 7, 2023

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....



CHOIR REHEARSALS



Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 11th, at 10:00 am, following worship service. Practices will take place for about 30 minutes in the sanctuary. We hope to have the choir sing three Sundays of the month and have the handbell choir provide music on the fourth Sunday.





ANNOUNCEMENTS..



A mission trip to Kentucky, is being planned for the future. December 10, 2021, Dawson Springs and Mayfield, Kentucky were devastated by a tornado.

If you are interest in participating or want more information about this rebuilding mission opportunity, talk to Todd Nemece, who is the leader of the mission trip.

Submitted by,
Darcianne Leizer

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING YOUR PRAISE?



One of the difficult things about the pandemic has been the restrictions on singing in the church. At first, people were asked only to 'hum along' with any songs, which were all pre-recorded. Then we advanced to sing 'if you are masked and more than 6 feet from another person'. Now we have advanced to 'masks are recommended but optional and you may sing if you are more than 3 feet from anyone not living in your household.'

All of this has made choir singing difficult. We started with choir rehearsal OUTSIDE under the entry canopy. We moved into masked and 6 feet apart upstairs in the chapel, then to the front of the sanctuary. Rehearsal times have been shortened to 30 minutes but, and this is the important part, WE ARE STILL SINGING!

Choir rehearsals will begin this fall on September 11. We will rehearse for 30 minutes in the sanctuary immediately after the Sunday church service. We hope to have the choir sing three Sundays of each month with the handbell choir providing music on the fourth Sunday. If you enjoy singing, please join with us to sing praises! If you have questions, please contact Nancy Clarke, Christy Beauregard, or Pat Beauregard (for handbell questions).

See you in September!

Submitted by,
Nancy Clarke

IN MEMORY OF..



PHYLLIS VELEY—JULY 15, 2022



Phyllis Van Dusen Veley, 94 of Albany, passed away peacefully at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland, NY, on Friday, July 15, 2022.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 11:00 am at the McKownville United Methodist Church, where she was a member for over 60 years.

A reception was held following the service in the celebration center at the McKownville United Methodist Church.

RALPH E. LEIZER—JULY 17, 2022



Ralph E. Leizer (husband of Marion Leizer), 85, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 17, 2022.

Family and friends were invited to visit with the family at New Comer Cremations & Funerals on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, with a service to follow. The internment was held at Memorial Gardens, Albany, NY.

Following the internment, a reception was held in the celebration center at the McKownville United Methodist Church.

*Forever
in our
Hearts* ♥

BACK TO SCHOOL....



*Was there anything better than getting out of school for the summer break?? Those were the days – carefree, no more books, no more homework, and the two months ahead seemed like forever when the school year ended. But, in the blink of an eye, we were off getting our school supplies for the next school year! *What happened, and where did the time go??**

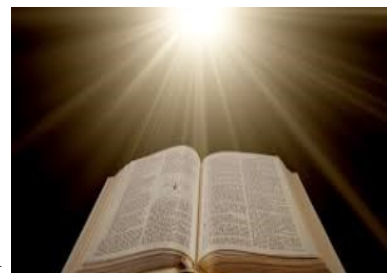
2022-2023

I think we've all had that experience and have many memories of our summers off from school. Long warm days at the pool or beach, or maybe the playground, and then all of a sudden, it was time to "hit the books" again. Another year of learning, another year of homework!

As we look back upon those days, I think we've all learned that the "learning" never stops. It may not always come from a textbook, but our next life lessons are always right around the corner. Some we're prepared for, while others we may learn the hard way. *We realize now that those math and science lessons that we struggled through maybe weren't that difficult compared to some of the lessons we learn outside of the classroom??*

Fortunately, as we look ahead to each day and face our new "lessons," we can remind ourselves that we always have a Teacher and a Guide for whatever it is we might face today, this week, month or year. We even have a Book to refer to that covers everything we need to know. Yes, the "back to school" feeling might catch us by surprise at times in our adult years as circumstances and situations arise that we may not be prepared for, but when they do come our way, we have the most qualified Staff possible on our side. The Holy Trinity of God our Father, our Teacher, Jesus, and His Holy Spirit are there to see us through. And the Bible is our lifetime reference book to help guide us through anything we may face.

Approaching every day as an opportunity to learn more about our Lord can turn any difficult situation into an exercise of faith and trust, where every challenge we face strengthens our spiritual muscles and only makes us stronger for the next challenge life presents. As Christians, our learning is never ending, and each life lesson can bring us closer to the Lord. Let's let the end of another summer break be our reminder to continually learn more about Jesus and the life Jesus led so we can strive to be a little bit more like Him each day.



Thoughts of "back to school" can bring about a new, joyful and growing perspective when we put the Lord first in all our thoughts and rely on Him to lead us through each lesson and challenge that comes our way.

Enjoy your summer days and God Bless,

Healing Ministry

Welcome to our Ministry of Healing. I want to share with you all the good news about the midwives in our bible. When I was in the college of midwife, one book was Two-Key Midwife, from London. It has a little amount of information that the word midwife came after the birth of Moses in the Bible. The nurse midwife's job is a ministry to God. There were two midwives in the Old Testament. In the Exodus, 1:15-21, the scriptures are speaking about these midwives, Shiphrah and Puah. Some of the research in Jewish text says they were Jochebed, the Mother of Moses, and the other midwife was his sister, Miriam. The midwives cleanse the new born babies by washing them, and cleansing the after birth. Whatever their ethnicity was, these two women assumed a heroic role in subverting the command of the Pharaoh, the King of Egypt,



The king of the Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, "When you serve as a midwife to the Hebrew women and see them upon the birth stool if it is a son, you shall kill him; but, if it is a daughter she shall live." (Exodus 1:15-16). The midwives however feared God, and did not do what the King of Egypt told them to do. They let the boys live. (Exodus 1:17). When the King of Egypt asked them, they said that the Hebrew women are so vigorous that they gave birth before the midwife arrives (Exodus1:19). The Hebrew midwives lied and disobeyed the king's command. These woman showed great courage and love for God by risking their lives.

This is the hardest part for the midwives. During this time, there was no medical equipment to know if the baby was going to be a boy or a girl. Then how did they find out if the baby was a boy or a girl? The old history tells us that if a baby was born face down looking to the earth it would be a boy and if the baby was born face up looking up to heaven then it would be a girl. Maybe this old history helped the Hebrew midwives to found out if it was a boy or a girl. The Israelites were fruitful and increased in numbers during the Shiphrah period. If we read the old testament in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 66:9, it says, "Shall I bring to the birth and not cause to bring forth? says the Lord., shall I who cause to bring forth shut the womb? says the Lord."

"I will multiply them and they shall not be few. I shall make them honored and they shall not be small." (Jeremiah 30:19). Because the Israelites numbers were increasing, this made the King of the Egypt kill the male children. But God of the Israelites used the midwives as an instrument to activate his commands to save the baby boys. The bible is filled with examples of those who were willing to sacrifice their very lives in order to obey God or to serve others. Esther in 8:2 and 4:13-16, and Abednego, Shadrach, Meshach, Daniel 3:16-18 are some of the people who took bold stands for what was right.



From these examples, we must understand and obey God rather than man. Did God bless the Hebrew midwives for lying to Pharaoh?

The God of the Israelites pleased them not because they lied; but, because they saved the lives of innocent children for not violating the higher law of God that forbid the senseless slaughter of innocent lives.



I want to share my experience and introduce myself as a graduated registered nurse and midwife in 1970 from a government college of nursing and the college of midwife. In India. I worked in the labor room as a nurse and midwife in India and Yemen. I conducted hundreds of deliveries and held the fresh, new born babies in my hands. It was a very precious moment in my life. Before I went to my job, I prayed and before enter into the labor room to conduct the delivery I prayed and ask the Lord to bless the mother to have a healthy baby and safe delivery. After I conducted a delivery and received the fresh born baby in my hands, some of the babies were just opening their eyes to looked at me. It was a priceless moment in my life.

A doctor, nurse or midwife's duty is a life saving Ministry to God Almighty. After COVID-19, all the doctors, nurses, and medical team members in the hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes were making sacrificial services for the communities. They are heroes. Some are offered lives to save the life services. They need our daily prayers for the medical services they perform and for their families.

Let us Pray for them:

"God of Israelites, Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, we unite our hearts and minds and pray for all the doctors, nurses, midwives, medical employees, and administrative professionals. Pour out your presence in them. Be with them, give them help while they serve patients, and keep them safe. Give them strength, peace and joy. Bless them to have perfect health in all of their lives. Bless their families by all your blessing now and forever. Amen, Amen, Amen."



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing

Finance Situation at McKownville Church



At the end of July (seven months through our 2022 budget year) our financial situation is not as good as we had planned. In the budget approved by Leadership Council January 2022, income and spending were in balance at \$245,703. We expected income through seven months to be \$137,002 but actual receipts of \$119,390 are short by \$17,612. Pledged income was \$88,512; unpledged income was \$19,342; unidentifiable plate offering \$3,201, building use \$3,423; MayBBQ \$3,724; miscellaneous \$1,188.

In our Fall 2021 Financial Campaign, forty seven persons made combined pledges of \$160,000. Of these, **17** are behind by a collective \$8,392, **8** are current with their pledge, and **22** are ahead of pledge by \$12,871. **Thank you to those who are current or ahead.**

⇒ **PLEA 1: If you are behind in your giving, please make your pledge current.**

Twenty seven persons made no pledge but have given \$17,702. **Thank you for your support.**

⇒ **PLEA 2: Please consider making a pledge for 2023 during our Financial Campaign in October. It will help our planning.**

In all, 74 persons have given toward our budget this year compared to 91 last year.

We anticipate a serious shortage of about \$40 thousand by the end of the year. This is due to a mismatch between the planned amount (\$203 thousand) and actual pledges (\$160 thousand). Giving by those who pledged is close to their pledged amount, but the pledged amount is seriously short of need. We balanced the budget by suggesting a withdrawal from our special fund stock account. That amount would be more than half the fund. We wish strongly not to do so. We asked for your support and you responded generously. We ask again for full support.

⇒ **PLEA 3: If possible, increase your giving in the balance of 2022 to decrease the need to use funds from the special reserve account.**

⇒ **PLEA 4: Support our fund-raising chicken BBQ this coming October 1. Speak to your friends and neighbors.**

There are few places to trim our budget. Most of our spending is for staff and buildings. Our pastor's salary, his health benefits, and his retirement costs must meet Conference minimums. Our Ministry Shares (our contribution to programs of the larger United Methodist Church) are set by Conference. The costs of using and maintaining our physical assets, relatively steady year to year, are subject to the pressure of inflation. Our staff must be paid. Remaining costs are for all the other things that we do: worship, Christian Education for children and adults, outreach to our community (meeting space to twelve support groups for persons with addictions), and senior activities. Separate from our budget is our mission program, funded independently by our Pumpkin Project. This activity, concentrated in the six weeks from late September to Halloween, raises the money we use for missions. Specifically, this money helps to send youth to national conferences, send workers to service projects in Appalachia, and assist persons going on mission to a foreign country. Enthusiastic volunteers are always welcome at the Pumpkin Patch! Watch for the sign-up sheet.

McKownville United Methodist Church is a good place for worship, fellowship, and community service. Help us remain strong. **Thank you.**



Mission/Outreach Corner

Outreach Team Leader: Darcianne Leizer

Outreach Team Members: Jim Bowen, Ted Collins, George Janezko, Todd Nemeec, Angela Stott, and James Stott



**Buckets of Hope
September 10, 2022
11:00am – 3:00pm**



Come join in the community event to fill UMCOR cleaning buckets. Our goal is to fill 100 buckets. UMCOR Cleaning Buckets, enabling those affected by floods, hurricanes and tornadoes to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up. The buckets are not only shipped around the country but they are used in our area too. There were buckets used in the flooding in the Mohawk Valley back in October 2019. With hurricane season here and flooding, the buckets will be needed more than ever.

At the Buckets of Hope community event there will be food trucks, community information booths and entertainment.

The Outreach Team has gotten 100 five-gallon buckets donated, now we need to fill them. What are you willing to donate?

The Need is this

- Money & Supplies donated for the buckets (supply list below)
- Volunteers to pack supplies into the buckets, verify each bucket is correct and complete

Any questions about the event, talk to anyone on the Outreach and Mission Team.



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UMCOR Cleaning Kit Materials

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes-
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels-
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves-
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather



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UMCOR is United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. They provide relief, response and long-term – term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

2022 United States UMCOR Disaster Response

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters in the United States every day. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response to support these efforts.

Flooding in Kentucky

In late July, Kentucky and other parts of Appalachia experienced devastating flooding resulting in the loss of life and property. UMCOR awarded a solidarity grant to the Kentucky Annual Conference and delivered nearly 3,000 kits during the first week of the disaster. In coordination with the conference disaster response coordinator, UMCOR-trained Early Response Teams (ERT) are deploying to the affected areas.

Severe weather and tornadoes in Wisconsin, Michigan and South Carolina

Severe weather and tornadoes touched down in many regions of the U.S. during the spring and summer months. UMCOR awarded solidarity grants to the above conferences in support of immediate response to the damage and to meet the needs of survivors.

Wildfires in New Mexico

Beginning April 5 and continuing into May, multiple fires burned hundreds of thousands of acres in New Mexico. UMCOR awarded a solidarity grant to the New Mexico Annual Conference to support the needs of evacuees and coordinate debris removal and cleanup efforts.

Tornadoes in Florida

On January 16, several rotations touched down and caused significant damage to residential and commercial properties, displacing roughly 300 people. UMCOR awarded an initial solidarity grant and is financially supporting the Florida Conference in a 2-year recovery project that will focus on home repair and case management.

Submitted by,
Darcianne Leizer

Celebration of McKownville Youth & Children—June 26, 2022



SUNDAY SCHOOL –

During the Young Disciples’ time, Christian Education leader Kim Keane told the children present how she appreciated their presence in Sunday School. She had Bibles for two now ready for reading: Reegan Smith (center) and Jacob Heise (not present).

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES –

Lelaina Beauregard gave the morning message. This was a variation of the speech she gave as valedictorian of the 2022 graduating class of Guilderland High School.

Then Pastor Jeff Landon gave the graduates present a Bible (with QR codes to look up more on subject). Lelaina Beauregard, Kathryn Braun, Charlie Beauregard (left to right) in response told their upcoming plans.



MUTAMBARA MISSION HOSPITAL IN ZIMBABWE

Mutambara Mission Hospital
Nhedziwa, Chimanimani, Manicaland, Zimbabwe.
EMefor@umcmmission.org; FMefor@umcmmission.org.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We send you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope and believe that you and your families are all doing well.

We want to thank you for your financial and spiritual support to our ministry in Mutambara Mission Hospital. Through your support we have been able to repair the road near our Waiting Mothers shelter.

One source of concern is our three doctors who are really hard working and committed and are in great need of financial support to motivate them. Like other civil servants in the country, income is really low. This is made worst by the biting inflation which is now hitting all economies of the world. They have requested some support from the hospital management. Their hard work has made Emmanuel's work a lot easier. But this may be short lived as one of them told me about processing documents to move to greener pastures. It was certain to us that the other two may not be different. We held discussion with them and the indication is that if the hospital can assist them, that will be an encouragement and motivation to continue work. **We are therefore appealing for special support for these doctors. We believe that even a minimum monthly support of \$100 each will be appreciated. We will not want to lose them at least for now.**

Florence is doing fine with her responsibility for the pregnant women in the Waiting Mothers Home/shelter. As of now there are 57 pregnant women in the shelter. Some have come from far away as Harare area, 5 hour drive from here. We are not sure what attracts them, but one probable factor is the free feeding. The free feeding fund has been coming principally from the German United Methodist Church board, Drs Marvin and Sylvia Reimer from the Upper New York Conference, and other friends from Upper New Conference. We thank them all for this specific support. Sustainability is still an issue. We thank everyone for your kind support through the Advance giving. [Picture: Pregnant women at the Waiting Mothers' Home.

The southern Africa region is going through Winter season now. Here in Zimbabwe the winter this year is too, too chilly and wet, falling short of snow. As far back as we could remember, it has never been this cold since we arrived in 2006. This time we really needed to warm up our rooms and purchased more heaters for staff in various departments. We didn't have enough to warm up patients in the wards except for the Pediatric ward. Other patients would use double blankets to keep warm.

Prayer Requests:

1. We pray for financial support for our doctors.
2. We pray for God's intervention in the troubled spots of the World; especially the kidnapping, killing, stealing and destruction in Nigeria and the Russia-Ukraine war. Thank you so much for your unfailing support.

Yours in Christ,

Florence Mefor, Advance # 13991Z
Emmanuel Mefor, Advance # 13390Z
Mutambara Mission Hospital, Advance # 3022286.

This summary of a recent letter from Dr Emmanuel Mefor and his wife Florence, a nurse, tell of current-needs for the Mutambara Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe. Upper New York Conference supports this work. Dr. & Mrs. Mefor visited McKownville Church March 2017. July 2017 Darci Leizer and Henry Walter were members of a ten-person team from UNYC that painted rooms and helped patients at this hospital. To contribute toward this work through UMCOR, write a check to McKownville UMC with a note on the memo line "Zimbabwe" and one of the Advance numbers shown below. Mail your check to the church or leave it in the offering plate.



OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT!!

SPREAD THE WORD

*The pumpkins are coming!!!
The pumpkins will arrive at the church
on
Monday, September 26th!!
Pumpkins will be for sale during the
entire month of October!!*



HOURS:

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY:

11 :00 AM TO 7:00 PM

SATURDAY:

11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

SUNDAY:

12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

When you buy your pumpkins from our McKownville UMC Annual Pumpkin Patch, you are supporting our fund for Mission trips as well as the Navajo farmers out west who grow them and independent truck drivers who deliver them!

**AND WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD
ONE PUMPKIN AT A TIME!!**

Brooks Chicken BBQ *Saturday, October 1, 2022*



This Fall the Brooks Barbeque will be on Saturday, October 1st from 2:00 – 6:00. We are praying for a great turn out and beautiful weather. Please consider volunteering for the event. Many hands make light work, and, we can use all the hands we can get. Volunteer opportunities are available from noon till cleanup time.

Our goal is to sell at least 800 chicken dinners so please tell your friends and families to come support the church and get a delicious meal to go. Signups will be sent via email in the next few weeks so keep an eye out for an email from the church with a link for signing up.

If you have students who need volunteer hours, this is a terrific opportunity to earn hours. If you do not have access to email and would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Visker at 518 312 6396 and I will add you to the volunteer list. Shifts are for setting up before the BBQ from 11:30 – 1:00, early Barbeque shifts from 1:45-4:00 and late shifts from 3:45-6:00; clean up shift starting at 6:00. You are more than welcome to sign up for more than one shift if you have more than 2 hours to spare that day.

If you can't volunteer, please consider coming and buying a meal and visiting our pumpkin patch. Hope to see you there!

Sumbitted by,
Kelly Visker, Chair



The Guilderland Food Pantry

PLEASE NOTE....

Due to rising costs and increase in clients, the food pantry is being challenged in their purchasing ability. To that end, at least on a temporary basis, their resources will be directed to *food items only*. Non food items such as detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, bars of soap, etc. will not be purchased; thus, they are relying on donations to keep these items on the shelf. Any assistance in that area would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!



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.



Tellers Needed



The Tellers are hoping to increase the number of people who count the collection. Currently we have 3 teams of 2 people. A different team counts each week. Teams can count on Sunday after the service or later in the week as their schedules allow. Money is counted and then accounted for on a teller spreadsheet; one teller then deposits it. It usually takes under an hour to complete the teller's tasks.



We are looking for people who are interested in being a teller and rounding out our teams. Counting would occur approximately once a month. *If you are interested in helping, please contact Chris Visser at: cvisker@knowledgebuilders.com*



SEPTEMBER 2022 DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
September 4	NA at this time	Angela Stott
September 11 (Back to Church Sunday)	NA at this time	Jackie Tureby
September 18	NA at this time	Noreen VanDoren
September 25	NA at this time	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

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
ON SUNDAYS

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.***

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.



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.



SEPTEMBER 2022 ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 19 Lucy & Eugene Gee
September 27 Patti & Paul Krekeler

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2 Pasquale Colicchio
September 9 Diane Willey
 Norman Swanson
September 11 Nancy Ware
September 13 Chris Steffens
September 18 Emma Herendeen
September 21 Dexter Wells
September 24 Pastor Jeff Landon
September 25 Darleen Staats
 Stephen H. Clarke
September 27 Mary Neitzel





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	3 AA Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am
4 Visuals Team 2:30 pm Worship Services at 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm LABOR DAY 	6 Living Resources 9:00 am AI-Anon 12:00 AA Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30	7 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 or 6:45 pm	9 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	10 A.A Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am
11 Worship Services at 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 	12 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	13 Living Resources 9:00 am AI-Anon 12:00 AA Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM)	14 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30	15 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 or 6:45 pm	16 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	17 AA Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am
18 Worship Services at 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm	19 Trustees Team 6:00 pm (Sanctuary) Cub Scouts 6:15pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	20 Living Resources 9:00 am AI-Anon 12:00 AA Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 Leadership Council 7:00 (Over ZOOM)	21 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm	22 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Sewing Guild 12:00 pm Outreach Team 7:00 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 or 6:45 pm	23 Women Together 12:00 pm (Sanctuary) NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	24 AA Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am
25 Worship Services at 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm	26 Trustees Team 6:00 pm (over ZOOM) Cub Scouts 6:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm  Pumpkins Arrive at 4:30 pm	27 AI-Anon 12:00 AA Meeting 4:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM) AA Meeting 7:30	28 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm	29 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Outreach Team 7:00 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 or 6:45 pm	30 Embroidery Group 12:00 pm (Upstairs) NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	

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