

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2023

HAPPY

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

NEW YEAR

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

**Articles for the February Newsletter
are due by January 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 had a great time in November with our hands-on learning all about Jonah and the Whale. We learned a new song and got to teach the congregation during a Children's Chat led by Ms. Christy and Ms. Kim!

In December we studied Advent and what it means to wait. We made mosaic Advent wreaths, ornaments and a special snack! We learned a new song with Ms Christy about Emmanuel and got to sing it for the Congregation on December 11th!

We look forward to learning about the 3 Wise Men and God's Love in the upcoming new year!

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 and YouTube.



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



MISSION TRIP



- On December 10, 2021, Dawson Springs and Mayfield, Kentucky were devastated by a tornado.
- The mission trip that was being planned for November 14th through the 18th has been rescheduled until 2023.
- If you are interest in participating or want more information about this building mission opportunity, talk to Todd Nemec, who is the leader of the mission trip.

*Submitted by,
Darcianne Leizer*

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.





ANNOUNCEMENTS...



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 Visker at:
cvisker@knowledgebuilders.com

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.



Just the Beginning...

*This is just the
Beginning*

Oh, don't think this is over, this is just the beginning... Sometimes we would hear these words in our younger days when we were getting lectured by a parent or perhaps a teacher when our behavior wasn't exactly "meeting expectations." *"You think we're through?? Not so fast! This is just the beginning."* Yup, we knew we were in for it, somehow all the things that we thought we got away with came pouring out and we realized that our elders have a fantastic memory for recalling all the things we

shouldn't have done in the first place! *How do they do it??* Maybe those of us who recall those days and now have children of our own understand how that "instant recall" works!

Thinking about another New Year already upon us made me think about other kinds of "beginnings." We have new beginnings all the time, and fresh decisions to make nearly every day. There are some beginnings we look forward to, and others not so much. But the world around us will always continue to test our balance, and we need to find a way to steady ourselves and stay centered and on solid ground.

As we start the New Year with hopes, dreams and perhaps some well-intended resolutions, let's remember to make the New Year a true "new start" by beginning each day with the Lord. Whatever it is we want to do in the coming months, turning our thoughts and prayers to Jesus is the only sure-fire way to know that we will travel the roads ahead with all the guidance and confidence we need. The world will bombard us in so many ways to "take control" and "be in charge of our lives," but as Christians we know that the true path to peace is to let Jesus take the wheel. He is in control, and the more we put our trust in His hands, the more our days will be filled with His love and peace.

New Year's is a time of reflection, and a time to reset our hearts and minds with a clean slate for a fresh start. So, as we enter the beginning of a new year, let's remember that Jesus has shown us time and time again that He can see us through any situation and lift our spirits to rise above our earthly circumstances. As the external world presents us with a variety of unexpected challenges, Jesus resides on the inside, in our hearts, to strengthen us to handle whatever may come our way.

This New Year, from a worldly perspective, will most likely look and feel very similar to past years. And from a spiritual perspective, turning to Jesus will create in us a fresh start that will carry us through every day of the year. His guidance, love and peace are just a prayer away. The New Year can be truly a joyous one as we walk with our Lord. Let's ask Him today to be with us each hour of every day of our New Year. What a wonderful year it can be, and it's ***just the beginning!!***

*Prayers for a happy, healthy and holy New Year,
Dom Perfetti*



Healing Ministry

"Let the field's be jubilant and everything in them and then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy. They will sing before the Lord for He comes, He comes, to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and all people in His truth." (Psalm 97:12-13)

Welcome and wishing everyone a "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration with their families and friends. After we enjoyed the birth of the Messiah, we are now entering into a fresh new year. Let us put our first step in this first month of January, 2023, by holding the hand of the Messiah. Everyone may be very anxious to know, "How is the new year, 2023, going to be? Just like people in the old testament and the new testament who were waiting for the coming of the Messiah.

In the new testament, the gospel of Luke was announcing the birth of the Messiah by his medical experiences. As per history Luke was a physician. Dr. Luke wrote 20 centuries ago that it was miracle, as if Dr. Luke was in the birth place of the Messiah. And he was sitting in the manger like his medical clinic and telling about the birth of the Messiah and after he was born. I am inviting everyone of you, to go to his clinic to sit and listen about the birth of Messiah. Let us wait to see who the visitors were and who is going to visit Mary, Joseph, and the Holy Child. Let us feel that maybe the gospel writer, Matthew, was there also. He tells all about genealogy of the Holy Child. He also tells about the three kings who came from far away lands to see the Holy Child.

They kings were called Magi, their names are King Melchior from Persia, King Balthazar from Macedonia, Saba is present Yemen and King Caspar was called by name Gundaphores from Afghanistan Pakistan and some other part of India. We can only wonder how these kings joined together. Three different religious kings were found at the star of Bethlehem. They may have ancient manuscripts of old testaments and they read about the birth of the Holy Child as per the prophet Isaiah and other prophets. They wanted to see the Messiah.

In that period, there were no phones, cell phones, or computers for communication and no GPS systems either. But they may communicated with each other and made a resolution of travel by following the star of Bethlehem. They had to look at the sky at the bright star, and that was their GPS. Oh! God is it easy for their travel? Just imagine, when we use our GPS, it may guide us on the wrong route and often we get made at the GPS and then we have to turn and drive in a different direction to reach our destiny. If we travel with family, no wonder, everyone could get angry, finally argument. Young children screaming, and teens commenting, "Hi dad did you follow the GPS?" Their car could be filled with stress. They may stop the car at a resting area, buy coffee, food, sit around a table and look at each other or they may make a plan to continue driving.

The three kings may read in our old testament Number 24:17, "I see him but not now, I behold him, but not near. A Star will rise out of Jacob." It was probably this prophecy that convinced the three kings to travel to search for the Baby Jesus.

The other scripture in the old testament of Joel, "blow the trumpet in Zion, sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble for the day coming ."

Some of the scientific researchers say that the star was the conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars in 6 B.C. Whatever the distance or how hard the travel was going to be, the three kings wanted to go. They never gave up their plans to travel. How did they meet and how they communicate with each other with different languages? It was amazing! Maybe they selected the silk road route of Taxila near Islamabad. And they may have travelled nearly 2000 K.M to 3219 K.M and they may have traveled nearly two years and six months. What were the Persian, middle eastern, and Hindu kings teaching us?

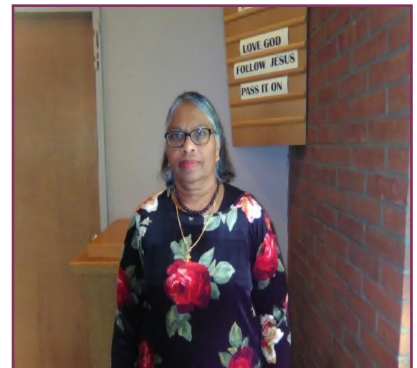
No matter who they were in their high positions, they were willing to leave their palaces and travel in the wilderness. We can see their strong faith and determination to see the Messiah. They may stop traveling during the days to sleep, eat, feed the camels, and travel in the night focusing on the Star of Bethlehem. Maybe they traveled on smooth roads, hard roads, passed wild animals, passed thieves, but their stubborn hearts continued their travel. Amen.

We also, travel every day in our life's journey just like these three kings. We must have the united mind and heart also. Leave all the conflicts, anger, and anxieties to reach the Messiah. These three kings never kept the King Herod's order, but they focused on the star and they continued to travel. Among the three kings, one of the King's, Caspar, never knew that in the future he was going to meet one of the real desires of the Lord, Jesus Christ, in India and be baptized to convert him and his family from Hinduism to Christianity. Soon I will give full story about that.

The three kings reached the destination of the manger. They saw Mary and Joseph with the sweet little Holy Child of Messiah Jesus Christ. They offered gold, frankincense, and myrrh as gifts for Him. Now what gift are we going to offer to our Lord? He wants you to just come to Him no matter where you are whether you are rich or poor, have a job or no job, have a home or no home. Just come to Him and trust Him. He will hold you, take away your burdens from your life travel, give you the shining of star of joy, and peace and to heal you from all the sickness. Just come he loves you more than this world. Amen

Let us feel that we are in the manger with Mary, Joseph, and with the Holy Child and bow our heads and pray: Holy Father, God almighty, we come to the manger to adore and worship your son, Jesus Christ, and offer ourselves and our families as a gift into your hands. Father, we surrender all our mistakes of sins, wash us, and shine your light on us and in our homes. Bless us in this New Year of 2023 to fill all our needs, give perfect health and healing, and give joy and peace. Lay thy mighty hands on our children and fill them with your holy wisdom to obey you, give wisdom to become educated, and bless them to have the right friends. Teach them to follow you. We humble ourselves and offer many thanks at your nailed feet in your precious name, Jesus Christ. Amen

***Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing***





Christmas Poinsettias

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In Memory Of

In Honor Of

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Thank You!

At the beginning of a new year, we hope for wonderful opportunities and anticipate unknown challenges. But for just a moment, let us take one last look back to say “thank you” to the many persons who contributed to our 2022 church experiences.



We thank Pastor Jeff for his sermons, his counseling, and his spiritual leadership. We thank office administrator Christine Gould for cheerfully answering the telephone, typing letters, providing copies on demand, and performing other office and ministry related tasks. As we all know, music is a vital part of our worship experience, and we thank music director Nancy Clarke and choir director Christy Beauregard for making this happen.

“Wait,” you may exclaim! “We pay them to do that!” Of course we do! But we also recognize them as faithful servants, so we lovingly and gladly acknowledge their contributions.

Also, much of what happens at McKownville United Methodist Church is done by you, our interested and enthusiastic disciples. Our Leadership Council is made up of the leaders of our Ministry Teams, at-large members, and persons holding designated positions in our congregation or in Upper New York Conference. Our choirs – children’s, adult, bells – enhance our worship experience. Our audio-visuals team and broadcast team enables us to celebrate God and share worship in a modern way and beyond our sanctuary. Lay worship ministers, worship leaders/ readers, greeters, guest speakers, retired pastors who supplement preaching, and stewards for altar, flowers, pews, and Communion, all see to it that services run smoothly. Our quality religious education for all ages of students relies on a superintendent, teachers, and students, and also includes small groups and their leaders. Don’t forget weekly worship attendees and visitors, you really matter! Funding of our outreach/ mission program comes mostly from sales at our Pumpkin Patch whose coordinator, manager, and sales experts are all volunteers. Also, there are many others who help in ministry by providing meals for the homeless, donate items and money to the Guilderland Food Pantry, UMCOR, our annual Christmas Angels, community flood buckets for rapid response to natural disasters, Operation Christmas Child, Women Together, and memorials and gifts. Remember also those who coordinate building use by many outside support groups. Also, let’s not forget all the people who lead, coordinate and staff our two BBQs. All of these ministries and fund raisers are possible only through the efforts, individually and collectively, of all our many faithful and dedicated disciples. Wow! That is a lot of folks. To all these people, THANK YOU!



Did I forget someone? Yes! The unknown volunteer helpers. Do you wonder who weeds the flower beds, plants flowers, trims the hedge, picks up trash, shovels snow, puts up outdoor displays, cleans the interior of our sanctuary, rooms and rest rooms, updates the web page and outdoor church sign, answers twitter messages, starts prayer chains, responds to prayers in prayer request boxes, puts worship times in the papers, and folds those letters to the congregation? Thank you to all these dedicated, committed, and faithful unknown people.

And, to all who are part, even in a small way, of making McKownville United Methodist Church a spirit filled, mission driven church, THANK YOU!

(Church Mouse)

1956 Sixth Grade Confirmation Class at McKownville Methodist Church

This photograph came from Edwina (Krausse) Stutz.

These confirmation members were received by Al Perry into the church by confession of faith on Pentecost May 20, 1956.

Pictured are:



Back row (left to right): Edwina Krausse, William Andres, Gary Whittaker, William Van Heusen, Janet Crouse

Front row (left to right): Carol Phelps, Marjorie Stahl, Dolores Kramer, Kay Warburton, Alma Eggleston, Roberta Crouse

Lorraine Smith was also in the class but has no membership card on file and is not pictured. There also was no family membership card on file for Alma Eggleston who is in the picture.

William Edward Andres was the son of William & Elizabeth Andres.

Janet Crouse was the daughter of Stanley Crouse and his 1st wife, Betty.

Roberta (Robin) Crouse was the daughter of Stuart and Esther Crouse. She married

Philip Arthur Leinbach in 1966. They moved to Earlville, NY in 1970, where she died February 2022 after over fifty years in the United Church of Christ in Sherburne.

Edwina Margaret Krausse was the 1st daughter of Edwin and Frances Krausse. In 1966 she married David Brewer. Later she married Mr. Stutz.

Dolores Kramer was the 1st daughter of Louis and Harriet Kramer. She married Daniel O'Hanlon.

Carol Phelps was the daughter of Walter Phelps.

Marjorie Stahl was the daughter of Leopold and Mildred Stahl.

William Van Heusen was the son of Harold and Wanda Van Heusen.

Kay Warburton was the daughter of Paul and Marjorie Warburton.

Gary Whittaker was the son of Carleton Whittaker.

Submitted by,
Nancy Rutenber

Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter Dinners



I hope you are staying safe and virus free, and can find space in your hearts, minds, and schedule to sign up to make a full meal for 19 homeless individuals for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter. This shelter is operated in the belief that a ministry of hospitality and sanctuary is a mission of the Christian Church that scripture compels us to welcome and minister to the most vulnerable and needy in our society. This is illustrated by many bible stories including the Good Samaritan.

McKownville United Methodist Church has committed to providing meals the second and fourth Mondays of November through April. The Shelter is located at the **First Lutheran Church at 626 State Street, Albany.** Meals include an Entrée (No pork or fish), veggie, and a dessert. Any other sides are optional, and always appreciated but not necessary.

The protein for the entrée does not need to be meat. Macaroni and cheese, vegetarian chili, rice and beans, and cheese lasagna are some suggestions for those who may wish to provide a meatless meal. Any meal you are able to prepare is welcome as this may be the only meal the guests will have that day.

Please contact Noreen VanDoren at 518-588-3009 or Norvandoren@yahoo.com to sign up to provide a meal, or to contribute to a meal for the homeless on the following dates: **January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, and April 10 & 24.** I will provide you with a detailed information sheet about meal drop off, including the ability to drop off earlier in the day with reheating instructions, if necessary.

Thank you to all who agree to participate in this very important ministry.

God Bless you!
Noreen VanDoren

*Thank You
for your support*

Mission/Outreach Corner

Outreach Team Leader: Darcianne Leizer

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

The Guilderland Food Pantry



The following donations are always accepted:

Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Bars of Soap
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Juices
Women's hygiene items

Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Deodorant
Shampoo
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste

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.*

IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE?

Guilderland Food Pantry.
518-930-1001

Open Monday through Saturday
9:30am - 11:00am

Serving the areas of Guilderland, Altamont, Voorheesville,
Slingerlands, Albany, and Schenectady.



JANUARY 2023 DUTIES CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GREETERS/USHERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
January 1	Person Needed	Chris Spencer
January 8	Person Needed	Nancy Rutenber
January 15	Person Needed	Paul Cullen
January 22	Person Needed	Noreen VanDoren
January 29	Person Needed	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

(Meets on as-needed basis)

Trustees Team.....Third Wednesday at 6:00 pm

(Meet in person)

Worship Team.....Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Please Note the Following

Due to COVID 19, some of our monthly church meetings are being held using ZOOM.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR
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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.



JANUARY **ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**

JANUARY **ANNIVERSARIES**

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



JANUARY **BIRTHDAYS**

2 Nadia Jefferson
2 Karen Tedisco
7 Pauline Martin
7 Olivia Tureby
7 Kathryn Braun
7 Vera Lund
7 Monte Waters
11 Patti Krekeler
11 Marilyn Johnston
11 Joshua Scattareggia
15 Alexander Burns
16 Bill Colclough
16 Cathy Gee
17 Elizabeth Spencer
24 Harold Williams
25 Charlie Beauregard
25 Lelaina Beauregard
27 Ted Collins
29 Ann Weil
29 Angela Stott
31 Patricia Stott

2023

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook Visuals Team 2:30 pm (As Needed Basis) GA Meeting 6:00 pm 	2 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm	3 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 noon AA Meeting 4:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	4 Small Groups 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Yoga Class 10:00 am Boy Scouts 6:45 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm	6 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	7 AA Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am (Meet Upstairs)
8 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm	9 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm	10 Living Resources 9:00 am Al-Anon 12:00 noon AA Meeting 4:30 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm (over ZOOM) AA Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Top of the Hill 9:30 am Yoga Class 10:00 am Boy Scouts 6:45 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm	13 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm	14 AA Meeting 6:00 am AA Meeting 8:00 am
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ACTIVITY PAGE....



The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." (TNIV)



Jesus was born in a stable and laid to sleep in a manger. The wise men continued on to Bethlehem and followed the star until it was directly above the place where Jesus was. They found Mary, Joseph, and Jesus there and knelt down to worship Him. They brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, some of the finest things in the ancient world. Frankincense was burned to make a sweet smell, and myrrh was an expensive perfume.

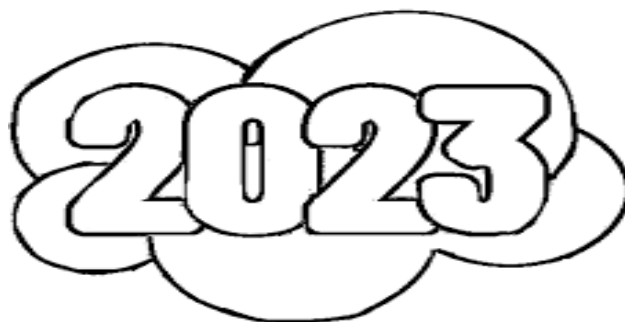
Some time later, wise men, or *magi*, from eastern countries saw a star in the sky that signaled the birth of a new king. They came to Judea, the region around Jerusalem and Bethlehem, to worship Jesus, the new king.



ACTIVITY PAGE....



WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY,
HEALTHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!!



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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:

<u>Chair & Sexton Liaison:</u>	James Stott
<u>Vice-Chair & Furnishings.</u> <u>Building Use Coordinators:</u>	Kelly Visker Nancy Rhodes
<u>Leases & Legal Affairs:</u>	Noreen Van Doren
<u>Grounds & Planned</u> <u>Maintenance:</u>	Tom Myers
<u>Insurance:</u>	Nancy Pullen
<u>Furniture:</u>	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