## **MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS**

## JUNE 2023

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18TH

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

Love God, Follow Jesus, and Pass it On.

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<u>Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!</u> Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

"As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

#### Our Church Values

\*Christ Centered; Our thoughts and actions are centered on God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. \*Love; We love our neighbors as ourselves. \*Integrity; We live to be thankful to God through our actions matching our values.

#### Guest WiFi: LoveGod1565



https://www.facebook.com/McKownvilleChurch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### WORSHIP SERVICES

- 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- In Sunday school we are learning new songs with Ms. Christy and hope to teach it to everyone in the congregation soon.
- We are continuing with our hands-on learning about Jesus and his teachings and look forward to a fun Lenten season!
- Sunday school will be starting a fundraiser project and Seeds of Faith lesson. We are looking for the following possible donations: Potting soil Seeds Paper bathroom cups Solo cups Saran wrap
- If you wish to donate any of these items, please drop off in Sunday school room or contact Kim Keane for more details!

### **Fundraiser Ideas?**

- We are looking for fund raising ideas that would be good for the church and • that people are willing to help with.
- Looking at possibly creating a fund raiser calendar targeting something for at least every other month.
- Any ideas that you have seen or been thinking about are welcomed.
- Please email Kelly Visker at: mumcbuilding@gmail.com
- Thank you for your suggestions!

### **Women Together**

- From the monetary donations collected during Lent, our group was able to put together 78 hygiene kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- Thank you all for your support.
- God is good!







A SUGGESTIO

your Idea Counts:



## ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

### Pot Luck/Game Night!!

- Saturday, June 3, 2023
- 5:00 pm in the celebration center
- Bring a dish to share, your own place setting, and come and enjoy some fellowship.
- Following dinner will be games. Wondering what games? You will have to come and find out! If there is a game you want, let us know. There is sure to be some good Competition!
- Any questions, please contact a member of the Mission/Outreach Team.

(Please note: This event replaces our monthly movie night)

### Church in the Park

- Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 10:00 am
- Church picnic to follow
- Hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, beverage and place settings will be provided
- Please bring a side dish to share

### **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.







## Save Yourself vs Save Yourself

It's that time of year when pools and beaches begin to open. Lifeguards can be seen running on the beaches and performing their daily training routines in the event they need to put them into real time action and save someone's life. Lifeguards know that every time they are on duty, they may need to risk their lives to save another. They are trained to make sure BOTH lives are saved – theirs and the struggling victim. With the proper training, drills and practice, the lifeguard and the victim will return safely to shore.

#### Safe & protected from harm

Our human nature is to protect ourselves, to avoid harm and do all we can to save ourselves and those around us when in danger. Our instincts kick in, and we do whatever is necessary to escape harm's way. Yes indeed, we have a natural born instinct to save ourselves. This can certainly save our lives and others at times, and we're thankful that God built this into our human nature.

But as with so many topics that involve our human nature, Our Lord Jesus takes this one to a completely different and much higher level. He knows that our human nature is to protect ourselves from danger, and when in a perilous

situation, do all we can to "save ourselves." But His definition of "saving ourselves" is a complete turnaround from our earthly perspectives. Jesus teaches us that the only way to save ourselves, is to completely give ourselves up, and offer complete surrender! *How does this make sense in such a competitive world and one with so many possibilities for dangerous situations?* Jesus makes it very clear in His Gospels that the only way to true salvation is through Him. He teaches us that He can save us from our worries, fears, anxieties and all other earthly concerns by completely giving ourselves up to Him. Our Faith in the Lord will bring us peace in our days here on earth and lead us to our eternal homes in Heaven.

We have no need to worry about being saved, that's what Jesus is there for, and has been

there for over 2000 years!! He has already saved each and every one of us with His blood on the Cross. Our job is reach beyond the earthly concerns, put our Faith in Jesus, and save ourselves by offering all we have to Him. *He will take care of the rest!* 

Dear Lord, we know that You, and only You can save us from our sins and offer us the gift of eternal life. Help us to look beyond our earthly worries, fears and anxieties and completely give ourselves to you. We know that we are saved and in Your loving arms.



Enjoy the summer months, Dom Perfetti



## The Healing Ministry



Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. June is an important month for us and all over our country. Memorial Day reminds us of how many lives were offered as a price for the freedom of our country. If we visited The War Memorial in Washington D.C, and stood in front of it, our eyes would fill up with tears seeing all the veterans names who lost their lives during the wars.

All those men and woman who came forward and dedicated their lives for our country must be remembered for their sacrifices for the nation. They were not in physical contact with their families because they left their loved ones for our country and for the safety of all families. We cannot say anything but stand with their families and support them by our silent love and prayers everyday. If there is any way we can support them, we must come forward and offer our support.

In the bible, in the Old Testament 1 Samuel 20:1-42, and 2 Samuel 9:1-12, it talks about two great war soldier's experiences, and, it shows us their support for a warier family member. David and Jonathon were great loyal warriors and friends of the King Soul. But King Soul wanted to kill David (please read the scripture for more details.) David was hiding in a place near the stone of EZEL which means memorial stone. David asked Jonathon to save his life and they both made a wow near the stone of memorial. "For we have sworn friendship the Lord is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants." Jonathon was the son of King Soul. He was brave, loyal, and a natural leader of King Soul's military and he died in the war.

After David was crowned as King David, he asked (2 Samuel 9:1), Is there anyone still left in the house of King Soul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathon's sake?" Most of King David's days all the enemies families to be wipe out, in order to prevent, the enemies descendants seeking the throne.

But King David kept his promise to activate. He had one of the servant's of King Soul tell about the son of Jonathon (2 Samuel 9:2-7) Mephibosheth is alive. He was crippled and brought before King David and King David told to him, "Don't be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathon. I will restore to you all the land that belong to your grand father, Soul, and you will eat at my table."



## The Healing Ministry

King David was a great warier and gave a warm reception to his enemy's disabled grandson. This showed King David's integrity as a leader who accepted his obligation to show love and mercy. As we read more about King David's kindness, let us remember all who offered their lives for our country. Let stand with their families. Let us offer our silent love, comfort them, and pray for them, and say our thanks for their services for the Nation Of Freedom.



Let us bow our heads, unite our heats and minds, and pray..."Dear Lord God almighty, we are gathered near your thrown and remembering all the Men and Woman who offered their lives for the nation. Let your arms be around their families, for each and every family member. Pour your love on them, comfort them, console them, strengthen them, and bless them. May your presence of peace be fill in them and in their home now and forever. Amen."



#### Olive Ezekiel, Minister for Healing

# Summer BBQ



We are very excited to announce that we are going to add a summer BBQ fundraiser this year. We are going to have a pulled pork and chicken Barbeque from Miller's Backyard BBQ.

This is a new vendor for us, and we are very excited to try this out. This will be a drive through event. The cost will be \$15.00 and will contain either a half a chicken or pulled pork dinner along with a baked potato, coleslaw and cornbread. You will also get utensils and butter as part of the purchase.

We are hoping to sell 500 dinners. The event will take place on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 and will run until we sell out.

All volunteers are welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out at the Brooks BBQ in April. I am so appreciative of the hard work everyone did to make that event a success. t was a great success and se sold out of 800 chickens in record time!

Prepared by: Kelly Visker, BBQ chairperson

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#### McKownville Church Office Secretarial Help over the Years

While committees of the McKownville Methodist church – started in 1866 – had secretaries to take minutes, it was only in more recent years that the church office gained a secretary.

The proposed budget for April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957 included monies for part-time secretarial help. Through the early 1960's, while the Music Committee hired the organist and choir director, there was no designated committee to hire new secretaries. Instead, ad hoc groups were authorized to do so by the church's Official Board. This changed when a Standing Committee for Pastoral Relations and another committee for Lay Personnel were among the positions elected to take office as of May 2, 1965. Now these are functions of SPPR.



ABOVE: Audrey Hutson's farewell party in June of 1986. Audrey had been the secretary at McKownville UMC for many years. Left to Right Rev Chuck Kellerman and wife Luella, Rev Jim Rhodes and wife Elizabeth, Audrey, Rev. James Beskin and wife Edna. Audrey had worked for all three of these pastors.

<u>Known Secretaries</u> ? - Feb. 1965 Mrs. Melvina (Winne) Frost (wife of Edgar)

Feb. – Mar 15, 1965 interim Mrs. Rose Warner (wife of pastor Charles Warner)

Mar 1965 – May 1966 Mrs. Donna DeGroot (Donna was the wife of Dr. Rodney DeGroot)





## From our Church Historian...

May 1966 - <Sept. 1966 Mrs. Alice Jean Gainor

Nov. 1966 -? Mrs. Dorothy Bush



4/1974 - 6/1986 Mrs. Audrey M. Hutson (See large picture above of her farewell party) [When Audrey was out for surgery recovery a few weeks in 1979, Gail P. Habura was pro tem secretary. Gail's other subs included in 1981. Picture is of later Gail Oakes in Clifton Park, NY.]

Mar./Apr. 1987 – April 30, 1988 Christine (Chris) Cook

May 1, 1988 – June 6, 1988 Carole Bowie

June 16, 1988 – October 31, 1988 Mrs. Kathleen (Kathy) Nolles

Nov. 21, 1988 - Dec. 31, 1989 Berta Phipps

Dec. 1989?? - Dec. 31, 1990? Leona Glenn

? 1990/1991 - Oct. 2009 Mrs. Pamela (Pam) Dodds

Mid. Oct. training/Nov 2009 – 8/2014 Annette Hoult



Emily DeFranco





Annette Hoult Secretary

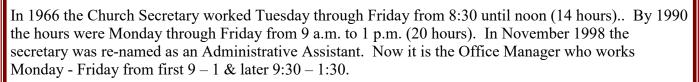
Pam Dodds

8/2014 – 3/2015 Diane Steffans. (Diane, a past SPPRC Chair, was a temporary fill-in while SPPR was interviewing candidates. In December, 2014, someone was hired but then took a full-time job.)

3/9/2015 - 2/24/2016 Brandy Swift

3/1/2016 - 3/30/2018 Emily DeFranco

3/21/2018 – ongoing Christine Gould



(If anyone has other pictures or information on McKownville UMC, please share.)

Prepared by: Nancy Rutenber, Church Historian





**Christine Gould** 



## **Mission/Outreach Team**

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**

#### Donations that are always accepted:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Products (Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, and Paste)



<u>Location</u> Guilderland Food Pantry 4 Charles Park Boulevard Guilderland, NY 12084 Phone: 518-930-1001



<u>Please Note:</u> 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.



## JUNE 2023

### **ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**

### <u>JUNE</u>

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

June 10Christopher & Amy DeVallJune 11Stephen & Nancy ClarkeJune 29Mark & Darlene Staats

June 4	Cathy Wells
June 8	Mikayla Keane
June 10	Riley H. Meharry
June 12	Paul Krekeler
June 23	Helen Knight
June 24	Kelly Visker
June 27	George Janeczko
June 28	Amy DeVall
June 30	Matthew O'Brien

JUNE

**BIRTHDAYS** 









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

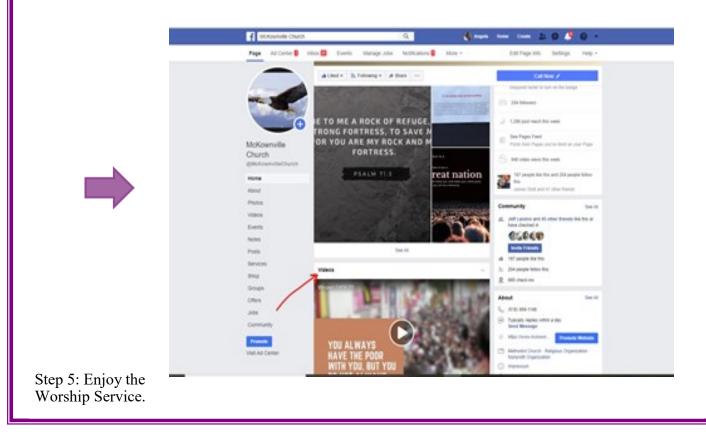
Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at: http//www.mckownvillechurch.com

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.



## REGULAR TEAM MEETINGS

## HELD MONTHLY

Finance Team Leadership Mission/Outreach Team Small Group Trustees Team Worship Team Second Tuesday at 7:00 pm Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm Fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm First Wednesday at 6:30 pm Fourth Sunday after Worship Service Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

## **Please Note the Following**

Some of our monthly church meetings are being held using ZOOM.





### JUNE 2023 DUTIES CALENDAR

DATE	<b>GREETERS/USHERS</b>	WORSHIP LEADERS
June 4	Person Needed	Noreen VanDoren
June 11th (Worship in the Park)	Person Needed	Christy Beauregard
June 18th (Father's Day)	Person Needed	Kelly Visker
June 25th	Person Needed	Todd Nemec

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 <u>mckownumc@verizon.net</u>) as well as myself (518-456-0412 or email at <u>nancy e rutenber@yahoo.com</u>.

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

> <u>Please note...</u> We are currently looking for volunteers to be greeters/ushers. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie DeVall. Thank you.

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. VOLUME 14, NO. 6

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4 Worship Service :00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	5 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm	6 Living Resources 9:00 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm	7 Small Group 6:30 pm—7:30 pm (Meet in Person) Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	8 Top of the Hill 10:00 am—11:30 am Yoga Class 10:00 am—11:00 am Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	9 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	10 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetir take place in the morn
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The Youth Group is currently not meeting.

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<u>Office Hours:</u> Monday—Friday: 9:30 am to 1:30pm Christine Gould, Church Secretary

#### Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

<b>Board of Trustees:</b>		Ministry Teams:		
Chair & Sexton Liaison:	James Stott			
<u>Vice-Chair &amp; Furnishings.</u> Building Use Coordinators	s Kellv Visker		elations	Paul Krekeler, Team Leader
	Nancy Rhodes	D'Ambrosio, Alan Longshore, Monte Waters, B Spencer, Cathy Wells and Nancy Rutenber		
Leases & Legal Affairs:	Noreen Van Doren	Finance:	Treasu	Leader—To Be Determined irer & Payroll: Tim Pierce e Secretary: Tom Myers
<u>Grounds &amp; Planned</u>		<u>Worship</u> :	Jeff La	ndon, Team Leader
<u>Maintenance:</u>	Tom Myers	Evangelism through Outreach: Darcianne Leizer, Team Leader		
Insurance:	Nancy Pullen	Christian Edu	cation:	Kim Keane, Team Leader
<u>Furniture:</u>	Kelly Visker	<u>Memorials &amp; C</u> Senior Ministr		Nancy Pullen, Team Leader Darcianne Leizer,Team Leader





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