

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

***Articles for the September Newsletter
are due by August 15th.***

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

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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.**



<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.



Update

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Thank You! Keep Faithful!! Stay Current!!!

Through May 31, 42% of the year 2023 has happened. To that date, we received \$110,980 (45% of budgeted) and spent \$100,600 (41% of budget). We are \$10,380 ahead of break-even. Many thanks to members and friends who have steadily and faithfully met their pledge. If you are behind in meeting your pledge, please make it a personal goal to become current by the end of the summer. The summer months traditionally have lower giving. Folks go on vacation. But salaries, utilities, and maintenance costs do not go on vacation.

Again, please keep your pledge current. Thank you!

MOVIE NIGHT

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Movie: The Lion King (Live Action)

Film Synopsis: This Disney animated feature follows the adventures of the young lion Simba (Jonathan Taylor Thomas), the heir of his father, Mufasa (James Earl Jones). Simba's wicked uncle, Scar (Jeremy Irons), plots to usurp Mufasa's throne by luring father and son into a stampede of wildebeests. But Simba escapes, and only Mufasa is killed. Simba returns as an adult (Matthew Broderick) to take back his homeland from Scar with the help of his friends Timon (Nathan Lane) and Pumbaa (Ernie Sabella).



**EVERYONE IS WELCOMED TO JOIN US!
POPCORN WILL BE SERVED!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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!

— MAKE —
A SUGGESTION

Your Idea Counts!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ◆ Sunday School will resume in September.
- ◆ If you would like any information about this program, please contact Kim Keane at: Kimkeane04gmail.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.



National Night Out—Tuesday, August 1st

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

The Mission/Outreach Team is looking for help with the booth at the event. Specifically, people are needed to help with the craft that is done with kids at the booth or is taken home to make. People are also needed to run the games and others are needed to greet people. If any of these outreach opportunities are calling you, please contact anyone on the Mission/Outreach Team for more details.

Set up for the event starts at 5pm with a 6pm start time. We hope you will help with this fun community event.



Summer BBQ Fund Raiser

We will be hosting our first summer barbeque fundraiser on Sunday, August 6th from 2:00 pm until sold out. We are working with a new vendor, Miller's Backyard BBQ. In addition to our regular ½ chicken dinners we will also have a pulled pork option. All dinners include a baked potato, cornbread, coleslaw, corn on the cob, and a choice of chicken or pork. Dinners will cost \$15.00. We will need volunteers for this event. Timeslots are 2 or 4 hours and there are a variety of positions available. **Please arrive 15 minutes before your time slot to ensure a smooth transition between shifts.**

Jobs include:

- Assembly: Putting the food into containers, bagging them and adding utensils.
- Runners: Taking the bags of food from the celebration center to the west vestibule for delivery.
- Delivery: Retrieving tickets and delivering the food to the customer.
- Cashier: Distributing the tickets when food is ordered and providing any change for cash sales. (This position is done while seated and does not require any standing or walking).
- Sellers, cash, and credit: Sell dinners to customers and take payment. Cash goes to cashier.
- Traffic control: Directing cars to either the cash or credit line and helping with traffic flow for pickup and exit.
- Set up: Help set up the cones in the parking lot, tables in west vestibule, and traffic signs. This will begin immediately after church and usually takes about 1 ½ hours.
- Money manager: Receives money throughout the day and is responsible for accounting for all sales. (This is a seated position and does not require any standing or walking).
- Signs: Holding signs by the road encouraging people to come to the BBQ.
- Clean-up: Help pick up the cones, signs and tents and return to the church. Clean tables and other cleanup tasks.

To sign up for a position please click on the link below. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you all so much for helping with this important event!

Any questions please contact Kelly Visker at (518) 312-6396.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49AEA822A5FC1-millers>

...*Still There*...

It's summer!! School's out! Yup, vacation time is finally here! Whether we're staying at home, taking a trip to the beach or another favorite location, this is the time of year to do it! Let's have some fun and toss our concerns aside for a week or two, right??

Hmm, maybe..., not so fast. We're taking a vacation, but the dangers and hazards that are out there are not! We tend to think that because we're on vacation, nothing can go wrong. We create a belief that bad things won't happen when we're vacationing. Be aware – vacationers suffer from injuries every year due to accidents involving boating, mopeds and motorcycles, shore excursions and water sports just to name a few. So PLEASE enjoy your summer breaks BUT be careful! Dangers don't take vacation, they're still there!

Does the way we think about our vacations have a parallel to how we sometimes approach our spiritual lives? Do we sometimes create a false sense of security with our worldly possessions and circumstances?? Perhaps in those times when we think "all is good" we let our spiritual guards down?? The truth is every day we're faced with temptations, encountering something that can cause us to stray from our Lord, and in general, plenty of opportunities to stumble into any number of bad situations that the world has to offer. Similar to the dangers that never take a break, the evil lurking in our world is always present as well.

And the fact that our world has an endless supply of temptation for sin makes our relationship with Jesus that much more urgent, important and continual. Yes, evil will always be "out there," but our Lord Jesus has proven to always be the stronger force and He is with us, every moment. When we are happy, He's there. When we are sad or ill, He's there. When we feel guilty from sin – He's there. Even in the times when we may drift and feel a false sense of security from the world around us, – He's still there

There's never an interruption or disconnect with our Lord as long as we open our hearts and reach out to Him in prayer. With His strength we can overcome anything the world throws our way. He's with us whenever we call His name. No matter where we are, what we are doing or what our circumstances are, ..., He's Still There.

We pray dear Lord, as we plan to take a break from our overloaded schedules this summer, please provide us with the guidance and good judgement to keep ourselves and our families safe. And Lord, we know that sin constantly lurks right around the corner, and we can drift from you at times. But we also know that when we put our trust in You, You will always show us the way and draw us into your loving arms. Help us to know you better each day, and know that no matter what comes our way, we can count on you. You are always there for us.

Have a safe and peaceful summer,
Dom Perfetti





The Healing Ministry



Welcome everyone and I wish all of you a happy Fourth of July. Let us remember those who served and sacrificed their lives to bring freedom to our nation. In our busy world, let us take a few minutes to say our prayers for our nation. Let us remember all the settlers who came and put their faith and hard work to form this land. Today we have everything, but they had nothing. They had their faith and prepared this land for everyone to live and enjoy their lives. This freedom was not given to us for free. Many lives were sacrificed in the wars to give this freedom to us. Let us thank God for this opportunity to live in this "Land Of Freedom." We may be busy but we can find the time to pray daily for a few seconds for our nation. If everyone would pray then the entire nation would be covered by our prayers.

In our daily lives, some people are very busy and finding peace and joy can be difficult at times. We are like the last sheep who is running for our daily work routine and life. Many people feel stressed out. Who can help us find comfort in our lives, gentle guidance, and true love. If we read in the Old Testament the Book of Ezekiel 34:11-16,23, the prophet Ezekiel was announcing the message from God of Israel. "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will tend them a good pasture, and they will feed in a rich pasture. I will bind up their injury and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice."

Before the Lord, Jesus Christ, was born, the God of Israel gave assurance of how he would be a shepherd for all of us. We all know the Psalm 23, and it says, "The Lord is my Shepherd..." But we are all not following the heavenly shepherd. Instead we make our own plans and follow them until finally we face failure and then we turn to God. After trying over and over we finally become angry with God. We stop praying to God. The sheep and shepherds cling to each other. If one of the sheep runs away, immediately the shepherd will run back to get the sheep, put it on his shoulders, and walk with joy. Sometime the shepherd will sleep near the sheep's pen. Is there anyone who could be like a shepherd for us. If we read the Gospel of John 10:1-18, it says, "We have a Good Shepherd of the Lord, Jesus Christ." In these 18 scriptures, the Lord talks about the sheep's pen, and the gate. In John 10:3,7 it says "The Lord is a Good Shepherd for us and the sheep listen to his voice."



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If we listen to him, he will go ahead of us and guide us to follow him. Then we will not follow be on our own with struggles and trails. Then he said that he is the gate for us. If we go by obeying the Lord we will be saved. We will be in a good pasture. If we look at a picture of the sheep's pen, the gate is very narrow and only one sheep can enter at a time to get inside the pen. If we enter through the Lord, Jesus Christ, then we will be saved. Because He laid down his life on the cross for us, the Lord gives encouragement by his promises in John 10:13, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me just as the Father knows me. I know the Father and I lay my life for my sheep." Let us focus to our Good Shepherd. He will be with us and give guidance to go behind him. He will lead our daily life in an amazing peace, joy and gives all the blessing what we need for our life. He will watch over us, and never leave us alone. Amen.

Psalm 23

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

Now let us pray: "My Lord, the Good Shepherd of Jesus Christ, I come to you just like a sheep in your presence . I wandered as I liked and now I come to you, I am tired of myself, hopeless, and weak. Hold me on your shoulders. Let me hear your gentle voice. Comfort me, strengthen me, lead me to a green posture, and anoint my heard with the oil of joy. Raise me with your arms, and I will follow you all of my life. Amen



Olive Ezekiel,
Minister for Healing

A blue stamp with the word "UPDATE" in a bold, sans-serif font, tilted at an angle.A logo for the CROP Hunger Walk. The text "CROP HUNGER WALK" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, "ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME" is written in smaller, blue letters. To the right of the text is a blue footprint graphic.

This year's CROP Walk proved to be another successful and actually heart-warming event! Not only did we have close to 300 walkers; but, as of this writing (June 18, 2023), we have again exceeded \$100,000! This means our 26 local food pantries and soup kitchens will receive \$25,000.00 and Church World Service will receive the remaining \$75,000.00!! This is, to the best of my knowledge, only the 2nd time in the 43-year history of this event that we have reached or exceeded \$100,000.00.

It is worth nothing that McKownville United Methodist Church was incredibly generous this year. We donated \$2,375.00 altogether—which was over \$800.00 more than our previous bests effort and over \$1,200.00 better than last year! I can't thank you enough for your extraordinary support for this project.

There was something else which made this event special this year. One of the giants of the Albany CROP Walk is a lady by the name of Evelyn Stone. She has, as I understand, walked in ALL 43 of these walks!!! This is extraordinary because she is now 96 years old!! Yes, she did have help this year; but, she still put on her walking shoes and did her part. I saw her as she was returning to the First Lutheran Church, and she was an absolute inspiration. Many people (including yours truly) can take a lesson from this true saint!!

Respectfully submitted by,
Frank M. D'Ambrosio

*Thank You
for your support*



14th Session Upper New York Conference

“Together! Living the Gospel. Being God’s Love.”

This article will be a brief summary of our Annual Conference, which was held June 1-3, 2023, at the Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, New York. A more comprehensive report will be submitted to the Leadership Council on September 9, 2023. I will, however, be available to answer any questions or concerns which might arise prior to the presentation of that report.

The easiest, and most pleasant, item to report is that Jeff Landon has been reappointed as the pastor of McKownville United Methodist Church. This means he will be able to continue to lead us as we move forward Intentional Discipleship.

On a much sadder note, 9 churches have been forced to closed-including the Emmaus Church on West Lawrence Street in Albany, New York. Even sadder is the fact that 35 more churches (covering 8 out of the 12 Districts in the Upper New York Annual Conference) have resolved to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. (None of the churches were from the Albany or Adirondack Districts). This brings our conference membership down to 800 .00 churches serving 125,000 members! The financial impact of this loss is significant: over \$735,000.00 in lost assets. (This loss is partially offset by fluctuations in the market value of conference-owned assets and careful management of all assets and expenses. The net loss is \$604,000.00).

Another significant topic discussed was the current status of the impact of the Child Victim’s Act suit brought against the Boy Scouts of America and the United Methodist Church. There were 63 cases brought against the Upper New York Conference, of which 46 have been settled. Because the settlements have not been actually paid as yet, those cases are considered “on hold” rather than closed. The total amount of that settlement is \$1.25 million. On the other hand, \$2.6 million has been paid up to this point. Conference decided to amend Resolution A-9 “Request to Allocate the Cost of the Child Victims Act Legal Fees and Settlement Costs” to appoint “a committee to further discern the allocations.” The amended resolution did pass.

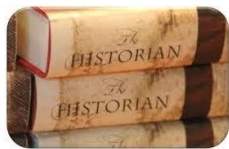
There were 11 petitions to be considered, but, due to time constraints, only 4 were actually addressed:

1. Supporting the removal of discriminatory policies
2. In support of creating a U.S. Regional Conference
3. Supporting removal of discriminatory language
4. Encouraging Leadership with Integrity

Of these, the first 3 were passed with amendments; but the 4th did not pass.

Seven resolutions were not addressed and will need to be on the agenda for the next annual conference:

1. Local Congregation Seminary Grants and Scholarships
2. Beginning the work of reparations
3. Toward Equitable Compensation
4. Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness
5. Encouraging the Use of Educational Materials related to domestic violence and intimate partner violence
6. Upper New York Where Sanctuaries are safe and free from firearms



From the Church Historian...

1950's & 1960's Snapshots of McKownville Pastors and Families

The 1st. Picture is **Maria & Bob Williams** 1952 by church. *Robert J. L. Williams* was pastor at McKownville 1947 – 1953. The 2nd picture is them later (ca.1966). He transferred to New England Conference in May 1957.

The 3rd picture is **Al & Laura Perry** 1954 by church. *Alfred B. Perry* was pastor here 1953 – 1955/56. Perry also transferred to New England Conference. This was in 1962 when Troy Conference's few Massachusetts churches switched there.



The 4th picture (below) is of **Rose and Charles Warner & their two girls** 1958/59. (Their son was born later.) *Charles Jacob Warner* was pastor here 1954 – 1964/65. The 5th picture (middle) picture is of them also. Charles and Rose retired in 1990 and went to Florida where he served part-time in visitation for a congregation of 1300.

The 6th & last picture is of **Edna and Jim Beskin** with their first son in the 1960's. *James Ernest Beskin* was pastor here 1965 – 1977/78. Earlier he had spent five years as "assistant, chauffeur, soloist and song leader" to his converted Jewish father the Rev. Dr. Nathan Cohen Beskin.



Prepared by,
Nancy Rutenber, Church Historian

Mission/Outreach Team

Outreach Team Leader: Darcianne Leizer

Outreach Team Members: Jim Bowen, Ted Collins, George Janezko, Todd Nemece, 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)



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.**

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BUCKETS OF
HOPE



2nd Annual Buckets of Hope Saturday, September 16, 2023

Mark your calendars and start collecting items. Once again there will be a Buckets of Hope day to collect items for United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) cleaning buckets. Do you know a company that would be willing to donate items, the Mission/Outreach team members have a form letter for asking for donations, if that would help contacting the company. We are looking for donations of either parts or fully completed buckets. Then on September 16th we will collate the buckets.

There are always flooding or national disasters that the cleaning buckets are needed. There are specific items needed. Below is a link to the list of items.

[UMCOR Cleaning Kit - Global Ministries \(umcmmission.org\)](http://umcmmission.org)

More information will be given as the day gets closer. Any questions, please talk to any member of the Mission/Outreach Team.



Cleaning Kit S

Value: \$75.00 per Kit

Cleaning Kit Materials

- One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - o No screw lids
 - o May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - o Advertisement on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - o No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - o Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - o With or without handle
- 18 re-usable cleaning wipes
 - o No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels
 - o Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - o No stainless steel or pads with soap in them
 - o Remove from packaging

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- 36–50 clothespins
- One 50–100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45-gallon sizes)
 - o Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1–3 mm thickness)
 - o No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - o Durable for multiple uses
 - o Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - o Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- Place all liquid items on the bottom of the bucket.
- Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.
- Scouring pads and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all items in the bucket.
- Clothespins may also be placed in a small re-sealable bag.
- Secure the lid on the filled bucket.

Important Notes

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be in liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.
- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.
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Instructions for Packing and Shipping Kits

- Packed buckets cannot exceed 70 pounds.
- Complete two packing lists, one for your records and one for the shipping box. • Place the shipping label/packing list on the outside of each box.
- Please send a check to Sager Brown for the total number of buckets times \$3 per bucket for the cost of sponges and shipping. One check may be written for the entire donation.

For the most up to date and accurate Relief Supply Kit List, go to
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/>.

JULY & AUGUST 2023
ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

JULY
ANNIVERSARIES

20 Pat & Christy Beauregard



JULY
BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Faulkner
 2 Stephanie DeVall
 2 Vicki Lockman
 2 Jack Steffens
 8 Ashley Visker
 10 James Stott
 10 Rowan Spencer
 15 Melissa J. Landon
 17 Ayako Kubo
 18 Kimberly Janeczko
 20 Arthur Bender
 20 Eugene Gee
 22 Robert Bates
 23 Grant Visker

AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES

9 Doug & Patricia Arnott
 15 Matthew & Colleen O'Brien
 16 Christopher & Kelly Visker
 24 Mike & Kim Keane
 31 Brian & Denise Reed

AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS

2 Sarah Hunt
 8 Michael Ware
 10 Christina Beauregard
 12 Jessica VanDoren
 16 Hills Alfred
 27 George Stott
 27 Kyra-Ann Bates
 29 Sherie Braun

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.

REGULAR TEAM MEETINGS

HELD MONTHLY

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

Please Note the Following

(Some of our monthly church meetings are being held using ZOOM)



JULY/AUGUST 2023 DUTIES

<u>July Dates</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
July 2	Persons Needed	Pat Beauregard
July 9	Persons Needed	Chris Spencer
July 16	Persons Needed	Nan Pullen
July 23	Persons Needed	Tom Myers
July 30	Persons Needed	Kim Keane

<u>August Dates</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
August 6	Persons Needed	Angela Stott
August 13	Persons Needed	Linda Faulkner
August 20	Persons Needed	Jackson Wells
August 27	Persons Needed	Frank D'Ambrosio

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. 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.**



JULY 2023





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<p>1 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p> <p>NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)</p>
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