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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.**

Guest WiFi: LoveGod1565

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.



ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE



Our Annual Charge Conference will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023. It will be held from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm here at the McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. An email will also be sent out as a reminder.

MOVIE NIGHT!!



- ◆ Date: October 14th
- ◆ Time: 7:00 pm
- ◆ Movie: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- The local collection point has changed.
- It will now be at the River of Life Church in Guilderland.
- The drop-off hours and address will be posted in late October.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The trustees are looking for volunteer to help clean the church. Please volunteer by signing up on the sign-up-sheet in the back of the sanctuary or by contacting Kelly Visker at mumcbuilding@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ◆ Sunday School takes place on Sundays during the 10:00 am service.
- ◆ Students in grades 7-12 can volunteer in the school room.
- ◆ We look forward to a fund year of hands on learning!
- ◆ 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.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER REMINDER!



- Pumpkin sales began on Friday, September 29th.
- Don't forget to stop by and purchase your pumpkins!
- More information about this fundraiser can be found on page 13 of the October newsletter.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SNEAKER DRIVE

The Guilderland Highschool Key Club has been kind enough to volunteer for our BBQ fundraisers. Key Club is a student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to perform service, build character and develop leadership. The students involved in Key Club give back to the community through service to others. The Guilderland Highschool Key Club is currently running a gently loved sneaker drive. To help low-income communities. We will be having a receptacle at church to collect sneakers. If you have gently used sneakers that you would like to donate, please bring them to church and put them in the sneaker box.



COFFEE HOUR



We are having coffee hour in the back of the sanctuary once again. This is a great time to build fellowship and get to know one another on a more personal level. Currently coffee hour is being run by the different ministry teams at the church, but you can help! If you would like to contribute to coffee hour either by making coffee and tea or bringing food, please let Kelly Vlsker know, and she can hook you up with the team of the month. You can reach Kelly either at church or via text. (518) 312-6396.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

“Thank you” again to all the volunteers who helped make this another successful fundraiser! All your efforts are greatly appreciated! Let’s all get together to do this again in the spring!



ANNUAL FUND RAISER REMINDER!



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SEE YOU SOON!!!



CONTAGIOUS???

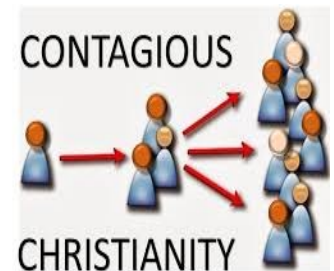


Oh no, are you contagious?? We're worried, we're concerned. We've just come out of the worst pandemic of our generation, and we're still concerned about COVID-19. In addition, the cold and flu season is right around the corner. Whenever we're near someone with a sniffle, we wonder, "*What is it, is it contagious??*" Our lives have changed over the past few years, and we've become sensitized to any signs of illness that may be passed along to us. We don't want to be contagious, and we take precautions around those who may be. **Let's face it, none of us want to be sick!!**

Contagious – defined as the “spread from one person to another by direct or indirect contact.” That’s the most common definition of the word. But there is another definition we need to be aware of, one that relates to emotion vs a physical condition – “an emotion, feeling or attitude that is likely to spread to and affect others.”

When we hear the word contagious, I doubt that we think of it in a positive light. Since childhood we've been instructed to “stay away” from anyone that's contagious!! But there is indeed a positive side to it. “*His enthusiasm is contagious*” is how a coach described a player whose attitude was exemplary. A manager in an industrial plant referred to an employee's smile as being contagious, as her sincere and caring smile seemed to have a positive impact on those around her.

As Christians, we have the opportunity each day to spread the News of our Lord to others, both through our words and our actions. *Can we become contagious Christians?* Are we living our lives in such a way that we can spread the love of our Lord to those around us? Is our daily behavior catching the attention of others in such a way that they want to learn more about our Faith in Jesus? Perhaps create a curiosity that triggers a conversation to bring a friend to the Lord?



The Holidays are creeping up so fast, soon we'll be clearing the Thanksgiving table and beginning the search for Christmas gifts. Perhaps before we launch into what is typically the busiest time of the year, we can set aside some time to consider what it would be like to be *contagious*. Showing kindness in the name of Christ can send a powerful message to others. Setting our hearts and minds on Jesus and His Word will not only lead us closer to Him but also enable us to bring others closer to our Lord as well.

Dear Lord we pray – As we approach another Holiday season, help us to start each day with you first in mind. Fill our hearts and minds with your Spirit and help us to go into the world boldly to spread your Good News and bring others closer to you through our actions of Faith. Through our Faith in you, help us to become contagious Christians!

Enjoy the fall season,
Dom Perfetti



The Healing Ministry



(husband) Elimelech: "My God is King!"
 (wife) Naomi: "Pleasant" or "Delightful"
 (son #1) Mahlon: "Weak" or "Sick"
 (son #2) Chilion: "Tired" or "Dying"

Welcome families to our Ministry Of Healing. Last month, all around the world, natural disasters affected so many families by the floods, fires, and deaths. Let us support them by praying for their healing. We can hear many asking, "Does God exist in this mordant world." A widow gave an answer from the Old Testament in the Book Of Ruth. As per ancient history, she was the granddaughter of a king, idle worshiper, married from Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Juda (Ruth1:2) family, and she was a great grandmother of the future King David and the Son Of God. Her life's history during that period of very difficult times of disobedience to God of Israelites, violence, idolatry, and even in the time of crisis. She was Ruth, a non Israelite, and her life is a lesson for the present world to encourage us and to understand our God of Israelite at work. He has not forgotten us.

Ruth's life exhibited a model of our present world's daughter in laws and her admirable qualities, her faith, hard work, love, kindness, and bravery. The Book of Ruth is a perfect witnesses about God Almighty's impartial love and care. Let us sit comfortably, relax, and travel with Ruth in the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament. Her father in law, Elimelech, and mother in law, Naomi, and their sons, Mahlon and Chilion, moved to Moab to live. After they lived there ten years, Naomi's husband died and the two sons also died. Naomi's other daughter in law was Orpah and Ruth became a widow (Ruth1:4-5). In Naomi's life everything was a failure. The land was affected by famine, people were starving, and people were struggling to live. The three widows (Ruth1:6) found their way and a place to survive. Naomi was standing in an empty life and made a plan to return to her house in the Town Bethlehem.

The three widows are teaching us about three different self and selfless attitudes. These three widows may be bounded with their belongings, and looked around the place where they lived in the past ten years. They may have cried and silently walked out to the street. Many of their neighbors may have been standing and looking at these widows. Some of them whispered, "Oh look Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah, are they leaving our town? Where are they going? Poor Naomi, how she was happy among us. Everything happened like a tornado of death and they became widows. Are they travelling to somewhere alone without men?"

The three women kept silent and waved their hands to the neighbors and said goodbye to them. They wiped their tears and started to walk passed the streets and then they came to the main road. Maybe Naomi felt this in heart heat, "I am an elderly woman is there any hope to start my life in fresh to re marry a man, have children, and everything. Why are my daughter in laws traveling with me and leaving their home city. They are young and they have a second chance for their futures. Let me talk to them and send them back to their parent's home." Naomi turned to her daughter in laws and said (Ruth 1:11-14) "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who would become your husbands? Return my daughters, I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me, even if I had a husband tonight and then give birth to sons, would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No daughters, it is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has gone out against me!"

In Ruth 1:14, "at this they wept again" Then Orpah kissed her mother in law goodbye. Orpah agreed and walked back to her home. Ruth and Orpah were sisters, as per the old history. After Orpah left she returned to her people. She got married, and become mother of Philistine and one of them was Goliath. In later years, Ruth's great, grandson, David, was killed Goliath. History says King David's General Ashai killed Orpah called Harafa.

Here on the road to ravel, Orpah took her rights for her life. In Ruth1:15, it says that Naomi said to Ruth, "Look your sister –in-law is going back to her home and to her gods. Go back with her. Ruth answered to her mother in law (Ruth1:16-17), "Don't urge me to leave you." Ruth was expressing her concern about how she can leave an elderly woman alone without help. Ruth expressed her loyalty, love, and to be with Naomi. She said, "Your people will be my people and your God my God. What an amazing woman Ruth was. She kept her faith in silence all these days, now she is announcing to Naomi about her belief in the God of Israel. She was revealing her silent conversion from the idle worship to the God of Israel.



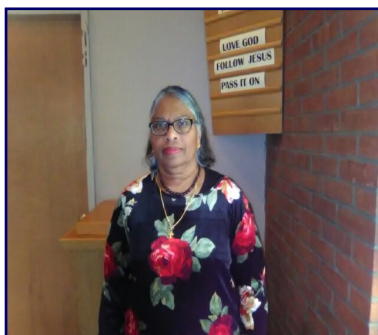
The Healing Ministry

Ruth is saying to us that God loves everyone, and God never denied her to accept Him. Ruth was never baptized by a preacher in a church. On the road the Gospel of God is announcing to Naomi. This was fulfilled when the Lord Jesus Christ was born as Jew. Ruth was his great greatgrand mother. Through him our entire world came to accept Christianity. In Act 10:35 says, "God accepts anyone, man or woman, who fear him and obey him and do what the right thing." God almighty work regardless of their sex race and nationality. Ruth again said to Naomi, "Where you die I will be buried." (Ruth1:17). Ruth expressed her extreme love and care for her mother-in-law. She doesn't want to break the connection, bondage, and the relationship on behalf poverty and helpless life.

Here Ruth is showing us, how her future grandson and the Son of God also shows his love and care to the poor widows. In Luke 1:14-17, The Lord Jesus Christ was at the gate of the village Nain. He saw a funeral procession carrying a dead person. It was a widow's son and when the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and said, "Don't cry", then he touched the dead son and he got life. We can feel the compassion from the heart of our Lord and his great great-grand mother. Do we see or hear the same compassionate love between daughter-in-law and mother in laws in our present world? There are some families just like Naomi and Ruth, but some families are still missing the unity of love. If a group of women gather and if some one would ask, "How is your mother in law?" We can hear different answer one of them, "Let me tell you about my mother in law. "We have to hear but we cannot judge who is the right one. We can pray for them. Ruth and Naomi are good models for our present world families. How to develop peace and joy among their families. They are showing us the values of a family, love, care, and unity. Ruth is teaching in a place of nowhere with no help and no money; but, Ruth's strong faith in God, trusting her mother in law, and willing to share good times as well the bad. Ruth never know how will be her life is going to be at Bethlehem. Ruth is offering her love to the widow and elderly mother in law. Ruth is teaching God's grace in the midst of all the difficulties, we should not allow our difficulties or disappointments to bind our opportunities. Amen.



Let us bow our heads and offer our prayers, " O God, my God Almighty, hear me (also widow). You are the God Almighty helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, Savior of those without hope. Please, please God of my Father in heaven, and earth hear my prayer. Bless us and our families. Give us wisdom and knowledge to have unity within our families. Pour your love and compassion in our hearts, to share each other in our families. Help us to be peace makers in our families and everyone else's. In the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, we are praying. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel,
Minister for Healing

Church History

FROM OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN**Assistant pastor part-time 1961 – 1973 Ralton Speers**

(October 1966 centennial celebration with Ralton M. and Agnes Speers, Ouida Schwartz and Albany District Superintendent Charles D. Schwartz, Edna Beskin and James Beskin.)

McKownville Methodist Church built a new sanctuary and educational wing 1959/1960 to alleviate the double sessions in worship services and Sunday schools that had been needed. With an increased congregation, help for the pastor ≥ 10 hours/week was wanted, especially with youth.

In May 1961 (after conference) Ralton Speers started as **Supply Assistant** and then **Associate Pastor**, serving first under Rev. Charles Warner & then in mid-1965 under Rev. James E. Beskin. At McKownville, he was to work with the junior high youth program and to assist in other church work. Ralton had become a part-time local pastor in addition to his job as technical editor for General Electric. Ralton had served 10 years as part-time pastor at Gallupville Methodist Church before he was ordained as a Local Elder in May 1961 and appointed to McKownville.

The part-time pastoral position was eliminated as of June 30, 1973, because of financial constraints. Ralton was appointed to Rotterdam Junction where he served to his 1980 retirement after a stroke. Ralton and his wife Agnes returned to the McKownville congregation as members. The second picture is from the 1990 McKownville photo directory before Ralton's death in 1991.



(Speers, Agnes and Ralton)



FROM OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN

From Rural to Suburban **Over 155 years**

McKownville UMC's new memory book is available on line at the link that is provided below the picture.



<https://www.lulu.com/shop>

Financial/Stewardship Campaign

A *ll the church parts* which enable both local and global action through the Methodist connection - <http://www.umc.org/directory>, such as the *Advance*, which is one of various opportunities for designated second-mile giving. (*First-mile giving* is for local churches to fulfill their World Service and other apportioned funds and conference benevolence commitments. See Ministry Shares below.)

B *iblically based* "The ... one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ... God loves a cheerful giver [and] is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so you may share abundantly in every good work."

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

C *ROP Walk*, supports Church World Service and local hunger relief projects

D *oing good*, both Christian social action and spiritual acts: called by the 18th century evangelist John Wesley "works of mercy" (compassion and justice) and "works of piety" (devotion and worship)

E *cumenical groups*, such as Capital Area Council of Churches

F *irst fruits for God* - not the leavings

G *uilderland Food Pantry*, sponsored by the Guilderland Interfaith Council

H *elping others*, such as Habitat for Humanity for the Capital District building projects

I *nterfaith Partnership for the Homeless* (IPH), shelter and intervention in Albany and beyond

J *esus taught his disciples to give* and to be rich in good deeds and love. In Matthew 6 he said: But store your treasures in heaven Your heart will be where your treasure is.

K *ids* can go to a resident Christian summer camp at Skye Farm in the Adirondacks

L *earning about mission to act*, missionU or Schools of Christian Mission with now a combined social issue & spiritual growth study

M *inistry Shares*, conference askings which help keep ministry going locally and elsewhere.

N *ew mission* opportunities, such as mission trips, designated Special Sunday offerings, etc.

O *ne conference merged* in 2010, the Upper New York Conference supports ministries (some near Albany); see <https://www.unyumc.org/mission/conference-advance-specials>

P *ledge to church*, stewardship opportunity for all members

Q *uest to evangelize* to reach the unchurched locally or afar

R *eason for giving* - thanksgiving: "Freely you have received; freely give." (Matthew 10: 8)

S *upporting others*, such as sharing space, senior visitation, prayer, safe sanctuaries policy

T *ithing*, giving 10% (or more) back to God who first gave to us

U *MCOR Sunday* (formerly called One Great Hour of Sharing) on the fourth Sunday in Lent supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which provides disaster relief, ministers to refugees, and addresses the root causes of world hunger and poverty

V *olunteers in Mission*, United Methodists organized in groups to work on short-term projects around the world and in the U.S., see <http://umvimnej.org/>

W *orld Service Fund*, an apportioned fund which is the primary support for United Methodist agencies around the world and enables them to carry out their missional responsibilities in evangelical efforts, disaster response, etc.

X *citng*, all the unnamed giving and stewardship opportunities in the United States and world wide

Y *outh Service Fund*, special mission giving channel for youth

Z *imbabwe*, home of Old Mutare UMC Mission Center and the newer African University across the road

Financial Status

For the eight months January through August, actual income was \$4,713 short of budgeted and actual expenses were \$14,887 below budget. If this trend continues the next four months, we will come close to a balanced budget. For this to be a reality, giving must continue at its current pace. Expense uncertainties for the immediate months include a severe weather event and inflationary impacts. If you are behind in your pledge, please bring it up to date in the next few months. We thank our donors for faithful giving.

The Finance Team must present a budget to Leadership Council in November. To have a basis for planning the budget, we ask members and friends to estimate the amount of their support for 2024. Our Financial Campaign will start October 1. A letter was mailed September 27 to all persons who gave something in either 2023 or 2022. Pledges will be presented and dedicated at worship on Commitment Sunday, October 22. Please read the letter carefully, meditate on the generosity of God to you in the past, and then prayerfully make a financial commitment for 2024.

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church requires an annual audit of the financial records. We have been late in recent years in completing these audits. Our auditor recently completed a review of the Treasurer's 2020 books and found them to be maintained in a suitable fashion. Several recommendations were made about improving policies and procedures for future audits. These will be reviewed by Finance Team and reported to Leadership Council.



SPREAD THE WORD

**ANNUAL PUMPKIN
PATCH !!**



**PUMPKINS WILL BE DELIVERED ON-
SEPT. 28TH AT 4:00 PM.**
SALES WILL BEGIN ON SEPT. 29TH.

The McKownville United Methodist Church
1565 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203-4222
Phone: 518-456-1148
Email: mckownumc@verizon.net

SALE DAYS AND TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am until 7:00 pm

Saturday: 11:00 am until 7:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm

When you buy our pumpkins from our McKownville United Methodist Church 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!

**WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD ONE PUMPKIN AT A TIME!
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

CHANGING THE WORLD...ONE PUMPKIN AT A TIME!

The McKownville UMC Pumpkin Patch, now operating its 24th year, has seen it's share of unusual circumstances. We have held this fundraiser through Frankenstorm, swept snow off the pumpkins, had the pumpkin tent blow up in the air and then collapse in the midst of high winds! We have LOST the pumpkin resupply truck and had it arrive several days late with spoiled pumpkins. We have had a Little Red Hen come visit the patch and find a resting place in amongst the orange globes. We have had a HS Football team unload pumpkins passing them person to person like they were passing a football. And we have had competitors try to buy us out. But we have also made friends within our community, had children come play in the pumpkin maze every year, and been a feature location for wedding photos, family photos and homecoming photos alike. Our patch and our mission has been featured on TV, inspired others into volunteer mission work, and provided funds for scholarships sending volunteers all over the globe. One thing we do know for sure is that PEOPLE LOVE PUMPKINS! We look forward to sharing the colors of the season with our neighbors.



And from seed to doorstep we are Changing the World – One Pumpkin at a Time! The Pumpkins start out in a growth circle in Farmington, NM grown by Navajo. Back when the PPF, LLC was initially looking for land in the mid-1990s, the Navajo were the most under-employed population in the US with limited labor skills and a failing economy. The organizers of the Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers found this to be an opportunity to benefit the Navajo population as well as their organization by teaching them farming skills.

The Nation is now thriving and grows other crops year round in addition to the Pumpkins we sell. The pumpkins then have to be shipped out to all the Not For Profit organizations that participate in the fundraiser across the country – so independent truckers are contracted to ship them. This provides work to the small business owners, not the big conglomerate trucking companies that usually get all the work. PPF supports these entrepreneurs by giving them the contracts to ship full truckloads. The organizations who receive them are like ours, raising money for a cause, be it Scouting, Habitat for Humanity or a local church. The organizations get to decide how their profit is used and are not responsible for paying for the pumpkins until the sale is completed. There is no risk or loss in this program as we do not pay for any broken, stolen or spoiled pumpkins, only what is sold calculated daily until October 31st. Once the sale is over, we at McKownville use some of the Pumpkins to make puree which is then turned into Pumpkin Pies at the Voorheesville UMC and donated to the Capital City Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving Dinner!

The money raised in the sale has created a fund called the Mission Scholarship Fund which is available to anyone wishing to participate in a mission trip. Scholarships encourage those who maybe could not afford a short term mission trip to participate without hesitation. Scholarships have also supported gifts to those whom we are providing service to through mission. If you are interested in learning more about Volunteers in Mission opportunities, please contact Angela or James Stott, Darcianne Leizer or Todd Nemec.



Here is what you can expect this year: The sale will operate its usual hours M-F 11a-7p; Saturdays 10a-7p and Sundays 12-6 through October 31st. The shifts to volunteer at the patch are usually 2-3 hours. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary, by calling Angela Stott or by contacting the church office.

I can work with customers who reach out for large pumpkin orders based upon availability of what they are asking for. Please get their contact info and email me to work out a price and delivery. Prices are set by size not by weight and are determined by PPF. I cannot quote prices or sizes until they arrive. We get one delivery truck. So customers should come early in the month for the best selection. Pumpkins will not be any fresher for Halloween if they wait until later in the month.

Soup for the Soul



SOUP FOR THE SOUL ORDER....

- When you open the website link, please enter the type and quantity of each soup you are ordering along with your email address.
- Pick up is on Sunday, October 15th, after the Sunday service between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm.

We will be hosting a soup fundraiser on Sunday October 15th after church. There will be quarts of Chicken and rice soup and Potato soup. Both soups will be gluten free. Soups should be ordered ahead of time so the chefs can make sure there is enough for everyone interested. There is a signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or you can order using the online link. This is a donation-based fundraiser, with a suggested donation of \$6.00 per quart. Please share this information with your friends and family. The last day to order will be Sunday, October 8th. If you are interested in helping out with this fund raiser or would like to donate food items to make the soup (Carrots, rice, stock, etc.) see Kelly Visker or text her at (518)312-6396.

For the online sign up you will want to enter that yes you are attending and then just enter 1 as the number of participants. Then you can choose the soup and quantity.

Link to sign up:

[McKownville UMC: Soup for the Soul Order \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

GIFT CARDS FOR SALE IN NOVEMBER

The church is planning on selling gift cards in November which will be available to both the church members and the community. For every gift card sold a percentage of the sale price will be donated back to the church. Each gift card has a different percent donated back depending on the vendor. For example: Macy's gives back 10% whereas Kohl's gives back 4%. There are over 750 different cards to choose from including Prepaid Visa's, restaurant cards, department stores, grocery stores, gas stations and places of entertainment. The purpose of this sale is to help raise money for the church's general fund. Gift cards can be used in a variety of ways.

1. Gift cards can be purchased to use as a gift for someone. With Christmas just around the corner it is the perfect solution for those who are hard to buy for.
2. Gift cards can be used to buy gifts for people. Do you like to shop for gifts at Target? How about Kohls? You can purchase a gift card and use that to do your shopping.
3. Buy a gift card for yourself. Do you like to go out to dinner? Shop till you drop? Using a gift card allows you to indulge while supporting the church.
4. Purchase groceries: Going food shopping can be such a hassle but the sting of those high grocery prices can be alleviated knowing that the church gets back money from your purchases.

Instead of paying cash or credit for your groceries you can purchase a gift card and use it to pay for your groceries. Examples of grocery stores are Hannaford (4%) or Whole Foods (3%) With 750+ brands to choose from, there is a brand for every household need or wish list. Plus, you can pick from eGift cards, physical gift cards, and reloading funds digitally onto existing physical gift cards. It's instant earning with every purchase. **Gift cards from RaiseRight have no activation fees and they never expire.**

More information will be coming as we get closer to the sale.





MONTHLY TEAM MEETING

SCHEDULE

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)



- 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 WORSHIP

worship with us

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.

Wor-

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 currently being accepted:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cake, Brownie, & Muffin Mixes
- Tomato Products (Sauce, Diced Tomatoes, and Paste)



Please bring your donations to the church. Thank You....

Location

*Guilderland Food Pantry
4 Charles Park Boulevard
Guilderland, NY 12084*

Please Note:

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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- 8 Carl & Ildra Morse
- 19 George & Kimberly Janeczko



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- 6 Alan Longshore
- 7 Kristin Waters
- 8 Ellen Swanson
- 12 David Wells
- 13 George Janeczko
- 15 Nancy Rutenber
- 17 Bill Turbey
- 23 Jane Collins
- 24 Sarah Spencer
- 25 Denise Reed
- 26 Lynn Daly
- 29 Patricia Arnott





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<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
<i>October 1</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Monte Waters</i>
<i>October 8</i> <i>(Columbus Weekend)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Pat Beauregard</i>
<i>October 15</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Jackson Wells</i>
<i>October 22</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Nancy Rhodes</i>
<i>October 29</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Tom Myers</i>

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.

Greeters/Ushers & Acolyte Coordinator: Stephanie DeVall at (518) 925-0160

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber at (518) 456-0412

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning) NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)
8 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	9 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	10 Living Resources 9:30 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	11 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	12 Top of the Hill 10:00 am—11:30 am Adult Forum 12:15 pm Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	13 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	14 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)
15 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	16 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	17 Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm Finance Team 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Over ZOOM) AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm	18 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	19 Top of the Hill 10:00 am—11:30 am Adult Forum 12:15 pm Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	20 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	21 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)
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29 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook Trustees Meeting After Worship Service GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	30 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	31 Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm 				

Listing of Local Orchards in the Capital District!

One great way to get your kids to eat more fruit—and introduce them to the subtleties of sweet/tangy tastes—is by taking them apple picking to a local orchard. Below are places to go and things to do for a day in the orchard.



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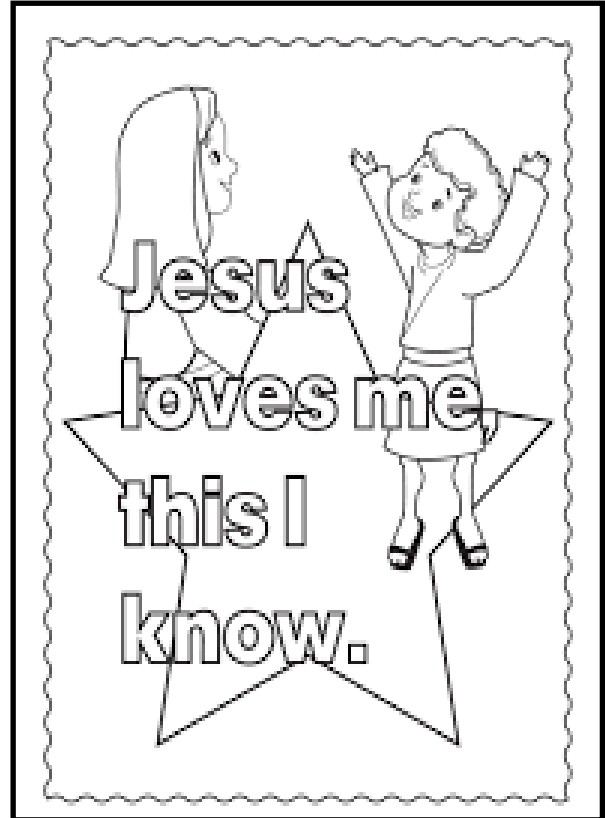


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