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Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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

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

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Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

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

Our Church Values

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



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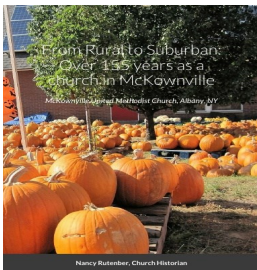
ANNOUNCEMENTS..

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.



FROM RURAL TO SUBURBAN



The heavily illustrated book “**From Rural to Suburban - Over 150 years as a church in McKownville: McKownville United Methodist Church, Albany, NY**” tells the story of what happened at this Methodist church in McKownville, who the people were, and their activities and missions – along with other tidbits.

This publication is available for purchase at <https://www.lulu.com/shop>. Search there for McKownville. The copyright has been given to the church and 10% of the price will come back to the church.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY LUNCHEON

We will be having a welcome back Sunday Luncheon after the service on Sunday, September 17th. This luncheon is open to all our members, friends, and guests. We will be serving pulled chicken and corn bread, mashed potatoes and salad along with coffee, iced tea and dessert. Please RSVP using the following link:

[McKownville UMC: Welcome Back Sunday Luncheon \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Deadline for RSVP's is Sunday September 10th.

There is also an RSVP sheet in the back of the sanctuary. There is no cost for this event, but goodwill donations are happily accepted. We are asking for volunteers to bake cakes for dessert that day. Cake bakers can also use the link or sign up in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Kelly Visker at (518) 312-6396.

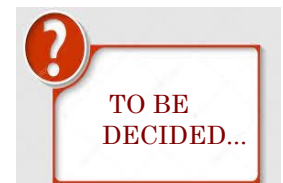


MOVIE NIGHT!!



- ♦ Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023
- ♦ Time: 7:00 pm
- ♦ Movie: See Sunday announcements for more updates

COME ONE COME ALL!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

FUNDRAISER IDEAS?

— MAKE —
A SUGGESTION

Your Idea Counts!

- 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



- ◆ Sunday School will resume on September 10th during the 10:00 am worship 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.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

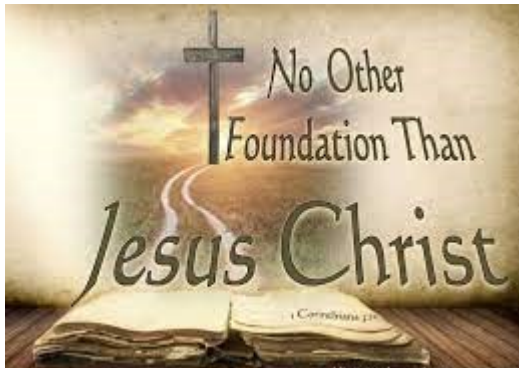


The trustees are looking for volunteer to help clean the church. Please volunteer by signing up on the sign-up-sheet in the back of the sanctuary or by contacting Kelly Visker at mumcbuilding@gmail.com.

Rebuilding...

As summer begins to transition into fall, there's one thing we know for sure. **Football season is here!** Yes, our teams are kicking off another season. Some of us maybe avid fans, while others may be on the other end of the spectrum looking forward to the end of the season, (maybe the Super Bowl commercials.) In either case, fans or not, we'll hear plenty about the sport over the next few months.

Usually there's a few teams that are in what's considered a "rebuilding year." Top players have retired or moved on to other teams, perhaps some injuries occurred that caused some setbacks. There can be a variety of reasons, but in a nutshell, a "rebuilding year" is about starting out with a new perspective, and building for a better future. Teams of course do not want to be in this position, but at times it's absolutely necessary in order to be successful for the long run.



In our personal lives, we may be facing similar issues and challenges. *Are we in some type of "rebuilding" phase?? Maybe we had to shift gears and start a new career? Rebuild our social life due to relocation? Are we dealing with deeper issues where we need to work on our relationships with our children? Brothers or sisters? Maybe rekindle our marriages??*

As we think about where we may be in our own stages of "rebuilding," let's remember that our first step is to build or rebuild a strong spiritual foundation with our Lord Jesus. No matter where we are today in our relationship with the Lord, we can start to build a stronger bond at any moment by reaching out to Him in prayer. Jesus, unlike a sports team, does not count wins and losses. We can only *win* in a relationship with Him. He is our source of love and forgiveness. He freely forgives us of our past sins, and openly invites us to receive His Grace. When we have a strong relationship with the Lord, His Spirit can guide us through the most difficult rebuilding times with all other relationships.

Relationships can change at any time, and we all know that there's work to do in each of them to keep them strong and healthy. And when we do find ourselves in a "rebuilding" mode, which we all do at times, let's start with Jesus. Rebuilding of any kind can be difficult, challenging and stressful, but turning our hearts and minds to the Lord will give us the strength, courage and balance we need to take the necessary steps for a brighter and healthier future.

Enjoy the "kickoff" of the fall season and God Bless,

Dom Perfetti



The Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone and welcome to the House of God. After all the camping, travelling, and vacations, by the grace of the Lord God we are refreshed and have strength to focus on our daily lives. When we step into The House of God, He is waiting to welcome us, to see us, and speak to us. He always loves us and gives His faith for us. But, do we put all our faith and trust in Him? When things go wrong, changes occur and have struggles wondering if our faith is draining out? We are not living in a peaceful world, but one full of stress and do we get tired of praying? Some people have so many thoughts about their faith. Why do we have to have faith in the Lord God?



Almighty? What is the meaning of faith? The apostle, Paul, says in Hebrew 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Can we have faith in the bible? In the bible, many faith-filled women witnessed and taught us about faith. We can learn and meditate through the word of Amen.

I would like to introduce a woman from the Old Testament. Her simple act of faith was an amazing lesson for us. She trusted God and activated her strong faith in the middle of her struggles.

No matter what our challenges are or how seemingly helpless our lives look we must have faith. In 1 King 17:7-16, it states, "Elijah was near the brook and the Lord God was providing food by the Ravens. And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the Land." Elijah was hungry and thirsty. The God of Israel said to him, "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." (1 King 17:7).

Before Elijah prayed for food, God had made a plan for him to get food. Also, he saw the widow and her poverty. As per history, the town of Sidon was a fishing and hunting town. Elijah left the brook and traveled to Sidon. In 1 King 17:10, it states, when he came to the gate of Zarephath, a widow was there and she was gathering sticks. Elijah called the widow and asked, "Would you bring me a little jar of water so I may have a drink?" The widow saw the thirsty traveler, and wanted to help him. She immediately stopped picking the sticks. As she was going to get some water, Elijah called out to her, "And please bring me a piece of bread" (1 King 17:11).

If this happened in our world today, maybe the widow would have turned and looked at Elijah and said, "Really man, you don't know me and you don't know what is in my home to eat. Are you testing me? I am a poor widow." But let us read what her reply was. As surely as the Lord your God lives she also said, "I have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug." (1 King 17:12) Then she said that she would gather the sticks, go home, and make the meal. Sounds like she had a plan. She had only one last meal left.



The Healing Ministry

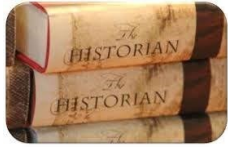
Elijah said, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said." But first, make a small cake of bread and bring it to me. Then make one for yourself and your son. The widow was listening to Elijah. Again Elijah said to the widow, how is God going to bless the future by this miracle. The jar of flour will be used up and the jug of oil would not dry up. (1 King 17:14) The widow trusted God, the prophet, and did what Elijah said to her. The jar of flour and the jug of oil never dried. Amen.

Her simple faith and obedience brought miracles for the future. The Lord God always provides for his children in the way that is beyond our narrow definition and expectations. The faith is the step between promise and assurance. Before faith our obedience will touch and melt the heart of God. Let us focus and put our trust in the Lord God and obey. He will bring miracles, blessings, and healings in our lives. Amen.

Let us bow our heads and bend our knees and pray, "Lord, God Almighty, we are looking at you, at your mercy, Abba, Father. We are submitting each and every widow's family around our nation, America, as well as around the world. Wherever they may be struggling, just like the widow in Zarephath, Lord visit each family, provided them with what they need for their daily lives. Lord bless them abundantly for their future. Lord comfort them by your gentle breeze of the Holy Spirit, and encourage them by your gentle voice and be with them. Lord bless our church, all the ministries, all the families in our church, and help us to reach out to meet souls. We are asking this in your precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ . Amen.



Olive Ezekiel,
Minister for Healing



From the Church Historian...

Festival of Praise

The regional inter-church FESTIVAL OF PRAISE was started in 1970 as a “symbol of the beauty to be achieved through Christian Unity.” While the resulting June 1971 concert at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center was initially intended to be a single production, it became an annual event for many years (pictured below June 8, 1974). In 1975, the about five hundred voices represented over 150 churches and “almost every Christian denomination in the area.”



McKownville United Methodist Church members were part of this musical praise.

Members of the 1973 Festival of Praise choir from McKownville UMC were: Agnes Speers, Arline Palmer, Virginia Bullis, Marjorie Taylor, Edna Beskin, Nancy Rutenber, Karen Kelly, Judy Lott, Nancy Humphrey, Marion Leizer, Lou Esposito, Don Smith, (pastor) James Beskin.

The choir identified Festival of Praise '75 Choir members from McKownville UMC as: Edna F. Beskin, Rev. James E. Beskin, Sharon C. Bieselee, Mrs. Evalyn D'Ambrosio, DeWitt Ellinwood, Mrs. Anthony (Lou) Esposito, Nancy P(ullen) Humphrey, Mrs. Michael Flanagan, Laurie Kelley, Pam Kelley, Marion Leizer, Marilyn A. LaVine, Judith (Judy) A. Lott, Arline M. Palmer, Donna Rowe, Nancy E. Rutenber, Marjorie Taylor, Mrs. Judy Thorp, Malcolm Shene, John D. (Don) Smith.

McKownville UMC contributed \$100 each year from 1973 through 1982. Festival of Praise also sang at various events and locales, including June 27, 1974 at Washington Cathedral (D.C.) and July 2, 1976 (“three hundred voice choir”) at Empire State Plaza as part of the celebration of the opening there of the New York State Museum in the Cultural Education Center.

After the 1982 concert, this ecumenical choir was disbanded. A *Festival Celebration Choir* was founded in 1985 and rehearses at First Lutheran Church in Albany. An 10th Anniversary Concert June 1996 at The Empire Center at the Egg commemorated 25 years of ecumenical singing.

**Prepared by,
Nancy Rutenber, Church Historian**

Adult Forum

ADULT FORUM BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER!

CHOICE OF TWO TIMES!



At McKownville UMC, we call Sunday school for adults ADULT FORUM. Adult Forum has not met the past three years due to Covid-19. Restart will begin in September with a choice of two meeting times. One group will meet Thursdays 12:15 to 1:15 pm beginning Thursday September 14. Another group will meet Monday evening 7:00-8:00 pm beginning September 18. Actual meeting times may be shifted by each group. *No Adult Forum on Sunday mornings.*

The format is group discussion guided by a short introductory video. Topics may include Christianity, Methodism, church history, a study of Bible or scriptures, specific teachings, important personalities, current social issues, or other religions. If your favorite topic is not on this list, bring it to our meetings. The Adult Forum room is located near the end of the main hallway, third room on the left, across from the Library. Look for a sign on the door.

The first three meetings will be guided by viewing lectures from the series "Great Figures of the New Testament" by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

Sept 14/18: Jesus of Nazareth—This talk on "the Jesus of history" will help us sort out major post-Enlightenment approaches such as source, form, and redaction criticism, and then help us weigh more recent scholarly reconstructions of who Jesus was, what he did, and what he taught.

Sept 21/25: Paul, the Epistolary Evangelist—Meet Paul as he is known through the Acts of the Apostles, a companion volume to the Gospel of Luke, where Paul first appears at the martyrdom of Stephen.

Sept 28/Oct 2 The Christ of Faith— In the New Testament and later theological writings, knowing Jesus means more than knowing what he said and did prior to his crucifixion. In this lecture we examine various accounts of "the Christ of faith" as he appears in the New Testament and beyond. In conclusion, we are reminded of what else can, and should, be studied, again and again (cf. John 21:25).

Topics for succeeding weeks will be chosen by members of the groups. Bring your ideas to the first class meeting.

Tell us you are coming via e-mail. Send a message to henrywalter57@aol.com with "Adult Forum" on the subject line and in the body (1) your name and (2) which session you plan to attend – Thursday noon or Monday 7:00pm.

Share this message with your friends. Show up to class! Are you just a drop-in to see if you like it or not? Wonderful!

Prepared by, Henry Walter

Financial Information...

Financial Information about McKownville United Methodist Church

Below are some statistics about our financial situation. Overall, we have reason to be a bit optimistic about meeting our financial obligations by the end of 2023. However, we still face some challenges.

As of July 31, 2023 (58% of the year), we report income from all sources as \$137,995. This is about \$5 thousand less than budgeted. However, our budget included a withdrawal of ~\$48 thousand from our stock reserve fund. None of that reserve has been used so far in 2023. Members and friends are to be congratulated that current income is near budgeted without using any reserve!

Spending as of July 31 is below budget by ~\$8 thousand. That is, income to date is about \$3 thousand more than spending to date. Keep in mind that some spending is season related – lawn care will soon end but snow service will likely begin. Also, the overall Trustee budget was reduced from prior years by over \$22 thousand because we now clean the sanctuary and offices rather than hire a company. The next time you see a Trustee, thank them!

We are 58% through 2023. Contributions from persons who pledged is 74% of total pledges. The pledged-but-not-yet-given 26% alone will not be sufficient to meet our obligations at the end of the year. Earlier in 2023 we asked members and friends to voluntarily increase their annual pledge by 10%. These additional pledges of \$14,875 raised the annual amount pledged to \$176,771. Thank you to all who pledged more! Even so, a shortfall seems likely.

This year 50 individuals or families pledged \$161,896 toward our budget. As of June 30 ten had paid their pledge in full for the year 2023, twenty nine had paid 50% or more, and eleven were behind in their pledge. We thank the diligent givers and encourage those behind in their pledge to bring it current by the end of September.

Our last major fund raising event will be Brooks Chicken BBQ Saturday September 30. Watch for details. Please plan to help if you are able; just let Kelly Visker know. Tell your friends about the BBQ. Other fund raising ideas have been offered. If you see an idea that is right down your alley, grab it and go!

McKownville United Methodist Church is a noted and notable presence at the corner of Church Road and Western Avenue. Be part of increasing that presence.

<u>INCOME</u>				<u>SPENDING</u>			
<u>Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Pro-Rated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Pro-Rated</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledged	161896	94439	119991	Pastor	80794	47130	40838
Un-Pledged	18000	10500	7458	Parsonage	28512	16632	14256
On-Line Fee	-700	-408	-487	Staff	35653	20798	8589
Plate	6000	3500	2295	IRS	2210	1289	1520
Building Use	3000	1750	3688	Programs	4804	2802	3595
Fund Raisers	9000	5250	5049	Trustees	53400	31150	31847
Reserve Fund	<u>48149</u>	<u>28087</u>	<u>None</u>	Ministry	<u>38172</u>	<u>22267</u>	<u>22717</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	245345	143118	137995	<u>TOTALS</u>	243545	143118	134582

Prepared by,
Henry Walter

Mission/Outreach Team

Outreach Team Leader: Darcianne Leizer

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



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

Donations to help fill UMCOR cleaning buckets is needed. The goal is to fill 100 buckets. Last year we filled 34. Please help to increase the amount completed this year. The specific items are listed below. Bring the donations ahead of time and leave them in the back of the sanctuary or bring on the day of the event and help us fill the buckets. Bring one item or many items. All donations are greatly appreciated. If anyone has any questions, please ask any member of the Mission/Outreach Team or contact Darcianne Leizer at: ennaicrad@juno.com. We cannot wait to see everyone with their help and donations!

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



Cleaning Kits

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

Mission/Outreach Team

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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.

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/>.**

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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
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.**

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**

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!!**



Saturday, September 30, 2023
2:00 pm Until Sold Out!
DRIVE-THRU EVENT

MENU

**1/2 CHICKEN
BAKED POTATO
ROLL
COLESLAW**

PRICING

**\$15.00—COMPLETE DINNER
\$12.00—HALF CHICKEN ONLY**

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

**CASH, CHECK, DEBIT CARDS
& CREDIT CARDS**



Thank You for Your Support!!

McKownville United Methodist Church

15645 Western Avenue, Albany, NY

(518) 456-1148

Website: www.MckownvilleChurch.com



Fall Brook's BBQ Fund Raiser.

We will be hosting our Fall Brook's barbeque fundraiser on Saturday, September 30th from 2:00 until sold out. All dinners include a baked potato, roll, coleslaw, and a ½ chicken. 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.

We hope to sell all the chicken by 6:00 pm and we need your help. Please sign up for a volunteer slot using the following link:

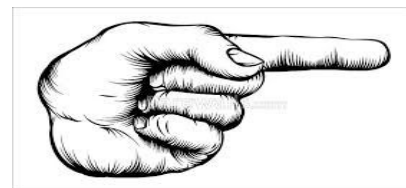
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49AEA822A5FC1-brooks1>

Signing up is easy; just click on the link, select the job and time you want and then click **save and continue**. This brings you to another page where you put your name and email address, then just click **Sign up now**. You can also make a comment if you have a special request or can only be there for a portion of the shift. Once you are signed up you will get an email from signup genius with your volunteer information. There is also a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. If you use this method, I will add you to the sign-up genius sheet so that you will still receive the email.

If you have any issues with either of the sign-up methods, you can always text me at (518) 312 6396 or email me at mumcbuilding@gmail.com and let me know what you want to do, and I will add you to the list.

I would like to thank you in advance for helping with this fundraiser and look forward to a day of fun with you all.

Kelly Visker,
Barbeque Chair



Clarification of job duties...

Clarification of Job Duties

Assembly

Putting the food into containers, bagging them and adding utensils.

Runners

Taking the bags of food from the assembly area 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 cashiers.

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 usually takes 1 ½- 2 hours depending on number of volunteers. There is a bit of lifting and carrying of items with this position.)

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.

Thank you all so much for helping with this important event!

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!

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**Please note: You do not need to log in or create an account to view the live steam.



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MONTHLY TEAM MEETING **SCHEDULE**

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)



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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19 Eugene & Lucy Gee
 27 Paul & Patti Krekeler

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS


2 Pasquale Colicchio
 9 Diane Willey
 9 Norman Swanson
 11 Nancy Ware
 13 Chris Steffens
 18 Emma Herendeen
 21 Dexter Wells
 24 Pastor Jeff Landon
 25 Darlene Staats
 25 Stephen Clarke





SEPTEMBER 2023 DUTIES



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
 September 3rd (Labor Day Weekend)	<i>Persons Needed</i>	Henry Walter
September 10th	<i>Persons Needed</i>	Kristin Waters
September 17th	<i>Persons Needed</i>	Chris Spencer
September 24th	<i>Persons Needed</i>	Kelly Visker

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.**



SEPTEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 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)
3 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	4 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm LABOR DAY	5 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	6 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	7 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	8 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	9 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)
10 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	11 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm	12 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	13 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	14 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	15 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	16 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning) FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANA 
17 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	18 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm	19 Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm Leadership Council 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (In Person) AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm	20 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	21 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 Sewing Guild (GSG) 1:00 pm—3:00 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	22 NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	23 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning) FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 
24 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook Trustees Meeting After Worship Service GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	25 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm YOM KIPPUR 	26 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	27 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	28 Top of the Hill 10:00 am—11:30 am Yoga Class 10:00 am—11:00 am Outreach Team 7:00 pm—8:00 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	29 NA Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm Women Together 1:00 pm—3:00 pm	30 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning) BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ 
30 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	31 Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm	Reminder: Pumpkins arrive on September 28th. Volunteers are needed to unload and set up the pumpkins on that day. Selling the pumpkins will start on September 29th and go through the month of October.				

ACTIVITY PAGE



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I love going to church!



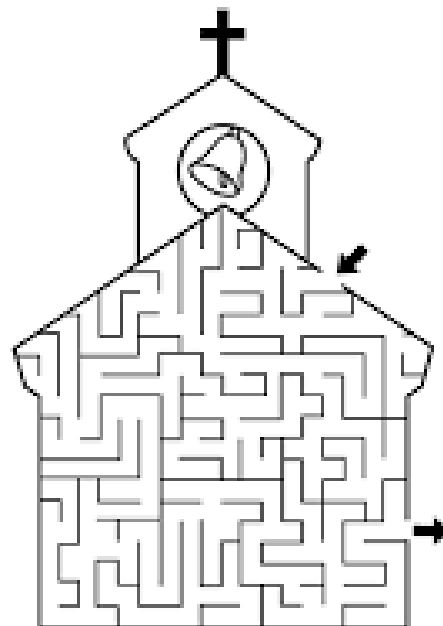
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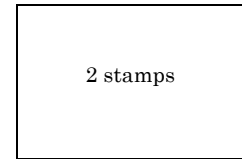
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