

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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**MARCH 2024**

Volume 15 No. 3

## Holy Week Worship Schedule:

*March 24, Palm Sunday, at 10:00 am*

*March 28, Holy Thursday, at 7:30 pm*

*March 29, Good Friday, at 7:30 pm*

*March 31, Easter Sunday, at 10:00 am*

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

*Spirit Filled, Mission Driven*

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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 every Sunday 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 or on YouTube.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



- ◆ Sunday school takes place at 10:00 am during worship service.
- ◆ Students in grades 7-12 can volunteer in the school room.
- ◆ We look forward to a fun year of hands on learning!
- ◆ If you would like any information about this program, please contact Kim Keane at: [kimkeane04gmail.com](mailto:kimkeane04gmail.com).

## 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 Visker know and she can hook you up with the team of the month. You can reach Kelly either at church or via text at: (518) 312-6396.



## From the Finance Secretary



Donation reports for 2023 have been sent out. Email is my preferred method of delivery. If I have your mailing address but not your email address, then it was mailed instead. If you would like a report, but have not received one, please contact me at [thomasmyers@nycap.rr.com](mailto:thomasmyers@nycap.rr.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS**



Our church provides the dinner for 25 homeless men the second and fourth Mondays of the months of November through April for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter located in the basement of the First Lutheran Church in Albany. We are happy to announce that all the dates are currently filled. Thank you all for supporting this important outreach!

FOOD & SHELTER

## **MOVIE NIGHT!**

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024  
 Time: 6:30 pm  
 Movie: A Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
 (Part 3 of the Chronicles of Narnia)



**EVERYONE IS INVITED AND POPCOR IS FREE!!**

## **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

## **LENTEN PROJECT**

WOMEN TOGETHER A SMALL GROUP, PLANS TO ASSEMBLE MORE HYGIENE KITS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY UMCOR. If disaster hits and a person is left with nothing, UMCOR can hand out a hygiene kit. Each one has a towel, washcloth, soap, comb, toothbrush, nail clippers and bandaids, in a plastic bag. We are directed to buy specific items and each kit costs at least \$10.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## GIFT CARDS

### FUNDRAISER

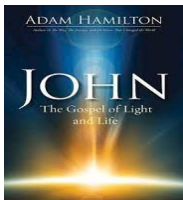
Our church has an ongoing Gift card fund raiser that anyone can participate in and help raise money for the church. The easiest way to get the cards and to get the most bang for your buck is to order gift cards through the coordinator and have them shipped to the church. While an individual can order most cards directly to their house, we have found the delivery charges to that person to be a deterrent. Once a quarter we will be ordering bulk gift cards, and you can get in on it. It is easy to do. In the back of the sanctuary there are gift card order sheets. Just fill one out with the gift cards you would like, write a check to the church with the memo "Gift card" and leave it in the black locked mailbox labeled payments outside the secretary's office. Kelly Visker, who is the coordinator, will put in the order and get you your cards when they come in. A few ideas for using gift cards:

**Everyday purchases:** Do you shop at Hannaford? Why not buy a gift card to use for your grocery shopping? If you are going to spend the money there, why not have a part of that money go to the church? By purchasing a gift card, you spend the same amount of money with a portion going back to the church.

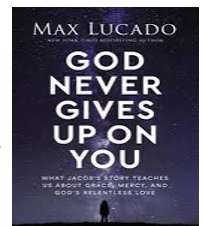
**Easter:** Is the Easter Bunny coming to your house and bringing an Easter Basket? Gift cards make great Easter Basket gifts. Are you cooking for Easter? How about a gift card for Honey Baked Hams? They are a delicious choice for Easter Dinner.

**Bonus Specials:** By visiting the Raise Right Web site, you can see specials where certain cards have a higher percentage for a limited time. For example, for this week Outback Steak House is offering 13% back to the church instead of their usual 10%.

## ADULT FORUM



After the current six-study Renovate: Building a Life with God finishes, the Monday night group of Adult Forum will do another six-session study using Adam Hamilton's John: *The Gospel of Light and Love*.



This new DVD study is planned for Monday evenings at 7:00 pm on March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, and 15. The study materials are in the Adult Forum room at church.

After the John study, a five-session DVD study by Max Lucado *God Never Gives Up on You-on Jacob* is planned through May 20, 2024.

Please Note:

If you plan to attend in person, please send an email to Todd Nemec at: [ts.nemec@outlook.com](mailto:ts.nemec@outlook.com)

If you plan to attend via ZOOM, please contact Kim Keane at: [kimkeane04@gmail.com](mailto:kimkeane04@gmail.com).



## “Focal Point”



### Focal Point – Defined as: a center of activity, attraction, or attention.



We know that to accomplish a task, we need to focus, *right?* We see athletes focus in the critical moments – a basketball player focusing on a key foul shot with screaming fans behind the hoop, or a pitcher in baseball intensely focused on throwing a strike when faced with bases loaded and a full count. *Not a good time to get distracted!!*

**But how often and easily do we lose focus? We know that our minds often wander, (perhaps right now while reading this article?? )** In fact, studies report that our minds drift nearly 50% of the time! Are we focused on the meeting we’re in, or distracted by a text? Are we focused on the car ahead of us, or thinking about tonight’s dinner?? It’s difficult for us to remain focused on a topic when we’re surrounded by so many distractions. Our thoughts can easily be interrupted and throw us off course.

Perhaps the concept of Focal Point can help us refocus and reflect as we journey through this year’s Lenten season. These are the days where we can center our thoughts, and purposefully and intentionally remember our Lord sacrificing His life for us. And there is no better reminder for us than the Cross upon which He gave up His earthly life.

With Jesus’s resurrection on Easter Sunday, we can look directly at the Cross as our focal point and continually remind ourselves of the world changing event that occurred nearly 2000 years ago. With our lives filled with distractions, changing priorities, twists and turns, we can always look to the Cross as the most steadfast and powerful symbol in our lives. The Cross changed our lives and serves as our gateway to Heaven. On the Cross, Jesus gave up His earthly life to be reunited with His Father in Heaven. In doing so, He won the victory over death and wiped our souls clean of every sin – ***past, present and future.***

To rebalance and recenter our lives, we can start by looking to the Cross, during Lent and every day beyond. Regardless of the circumstances we may be facing, we know that redirecting our focus to the Cross will reassure us of Jesus’s love for us and His promise of eternal life.



**Dear Lord,**

***As we approach another Easter celebration of your reunion with Your Father above, please help us to join You on Your walk to the Cross. Help us to reflect on your sacrifice for everyone who believes in your name, and never let us forget your willingness to die such a painful earthly death to save each of us from our sins and open the gates to eternal life with You in Heaven.***

Have a blessed and holy Lenten Season,  
Dom Perfetti

The Ministry of  
Healing

## *The Healing Ministry*



Welcome, everyone to our Ministry of Healing. We are entering the month of March, 2024, and the days of Lent. During the 40 days of the Lent we need to increase our prayer life, fasting, and helping other people who need help. Also, remember the Passion of Christ and His suffering for us. We are now living in a busy world; but, let us plan for the Lent season. God, The Father, made a plan to send his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to live among us as a poor man preaching the gospel as well as healing the sick and the blind. He took the persecution and offered Himself as a sacrifice on the cross to bring forgiveness and eternal life for us. Persecution is a very painful experience. In the gospel, in the Book Of Act, the chapter 9, the whole chapter speaks about a persecutor was transformed into a servant of God. During our

Lent days, Act 1-20 is filled with compassion, the power of God, and the healing by the Lord, Jesus Christ.

In Act 9:3, it says that Saul was persecuting the believers. He got a letter from the high priest to go to Damascus. He might take the believers from Damascus to Jerusalem. Saul had a plan for the persecution of the believers. But the Lord, Jesus Christ, had a plan to save the believers. "As Saul neared Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him." (Act 9:3). Saul fell to the ground from the power of light from heaven Then he heard, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Act 9:4) Saul was shocked and scared, and asked, "Who are you?" (Act 9:5).

I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what to do" (Act 9:6). Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he couldn't see anything (Act 9:8) and he became blind. Why did the Lord, Jesus, do this to him?

1. The Lord Jesus put Saul under his control to obey him.
2. Did not allow Saul to see the believer and the Lord, Jesus, wanted to protect them.
3. The Lord, Jesus, put Saul in silence for three days.
4. Saul prayed and he may have confessed.
5. Receiving vision for his healing from the blindness. (Act 9:11-12)

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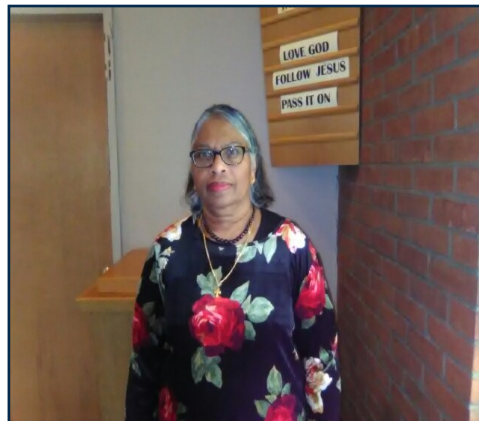
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The Lord, Jesus Christ, watched Saul and heard his prayers. He called the disciple, Ananias, and prophesied about Saul's future. "This man is my chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles, the kings, and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my sake." (Act 9:15-16). In this scripture, the Lord is showing compassion over Saul. The disciple, Ananias, prayed for Saul; and, he was filled with Holy Spirit, and his eyes were healed from the blindness. ( Act 9:17-18). From this scripture, we can understand about the mighty and healing powers of the Lord, Jesus.

Let us close our eyes and meditate with this prayer. "Lord, Jesus Christ, I surrender myself unto your hands. Wash me with your forgiveness, fill me with the Holy Spirit, and anoint me to spread your gospel everywhere. Thank you Lord for carrying the cross on behalf me, and for offering yourself as a sacrifice on the cross to redeem me. In your precious name I am praying. Amen."



***Olive Ezekiel,  
Minister for Healing***



## FROM OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN

### William Wersen, pastor at McKownville 1933/34 – 1935/1936

50 RECORD OF PASTORS			
NAME	WHEN APPOINTED	WHEN REMOVED AND WHERE	REMARKS
George Robinson	April 1930	5/1/33. Amos NY	
W. H. Wersen	April 1933		

**37. William H. Wersen, 1933 appt. yr. McKownville & Brookview, 1934 - 1935 appt. yrs. McKownville** (Brookview in Rensselaer County closed in 1962.)

William H. Wersen lived 1877-1955. He transferred to Troy Conference in 1909. Starting in Old Chatham, the "Wersens' was a home marked by friends and parishioners as one of an unusually fine Christian spirit and training and of lovely hospitality." They had a camp at Riparius, NY. William & Elizabeth had four children: Luella, William D., Mariam Lola, and Elizabeth Beryl.



Louise Vedder told in 1966: I remember chaperoning 12 girls from our Epworth League to Riverside [at Riparius]. I have a picture of those girls. There was a minister there, older by action, not by years. He amused us a bit, he taught a class and he wore snickers, high socks, high laced shoes and long sleeved shirts, which was obvious those days. *Two years later he became our pastor – Rev. William Wersen and his charming wife and lovely family. Their son William was janitor, earning money to go to college.* In the winter time they had delivered a load of coal to the church and Rev. Wersen went up to close the windows and check on the fire, walking from Waverly Place [parsonage was at #10] to the church. As he went to close the window, the coal slid and he turned his ankle – and I don't recall if he broke it or had a bad strain, but he hobbled around all winter. Mrs. Wersen used to bake potatoes and beans on the little ledge where you shoved in the coal. If anyone lived frugally, they did, and never any complaint.



Left to right by McKownville M. E. Church

Jeanette Momberger, Melvina Winne (Frost), Helen Hein, Dorothy ?, Helen Winne (Wagoner), **Mimi Wersen** (daughter of William & Elizabeth Wersen), and Evelyn Siebert (Skavina).



## **UMCOR** *UMCOR Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>*

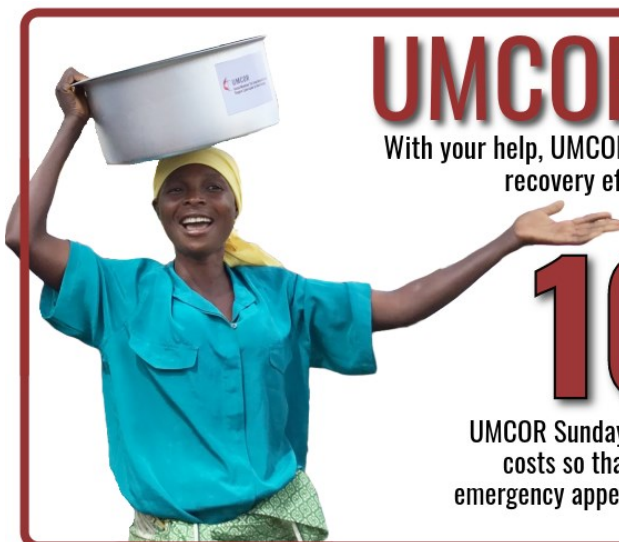
As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change.

UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters.

Your sustaining gifts on UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere.

Because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that one hundred percent of the money you designate goes toward people in need.

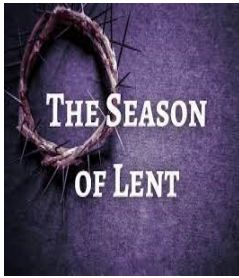
You can support this Special Sunday by giving online at [UMC.org/SSGive](http://UMC.org/SSGive) or write a check to "McKownville UMC" and on the memo line write for UMCOR Sunday.



**UMCOR SUNDAY**  
With your help, UMCOR supports humanitarian relief and recovery efforts around the world.

**100%**  
UMCOR Sunday donations cover UMCOR's operation costs so that 100% of donations received for emergency appeals go directly to communities in need.

## Lenten Calendar 2024



This works like the reverse of an advent calendar. Each day during the 40 days of Lent (remember no Sundays! Those are the days you donate) gather from your pantry or add to your grocery list the suggested items in the below calendar. Instead of getting something each day like on an advent calendar, you GIVE something each day. At the end of the week, bring your donations to church. At the end of the collection the items will be blessed and then donated to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, starts Lent and should be the first day of your donations calendar.

X	X	X	Peanut Butter	Box of Cereal	Macaroni and Cheese	Canned Tomatoes
X	Canned Vegetable Soup	Jar of Applesauce	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Jam or Jelly	Canned Chicken	Box of Crackers
X	Spaghetti Sauce	Box of Oatmeal	Package of Pasta	Chicken Noodle Soup	Canned Corn	Tomato Soup
X	Canned Carrots	Canned Oranges	Canned Green Beans	Container of Ketchup	Canned Tuna	Package of Rice
X	Canned Pineapple	Jar of Mayonnaise	Cake Mix	Cooking Oil	Canned Chili	Canned Baked Beans
X	Bag of Cookies	Brownie Mix	Canned Stew (Dinty Moore)	Canned Peaches	Can Mixed Vegetables	Box of Tea
X	Jar of Juice	Can of Fruit Cocktail	Pancake Mix	Bag of Coffee	Canned Creamed Soup	Jar of Mustard



### Holy Week Service Schedule

- Palm Sunday***, March 24, 2024—10:00 am Service
- Maundy Thursday***, March 28, 2024—7:30 pm Service
- Good Friday***, March 29, 2024—7:30 pm Service
- Easter Sunday***, March 31, 2024—10:00 am Service



## **EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS**

Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church and mail to Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, or hand them to Angela after church.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!**

**Deadline is Sunday, March 10, 2024**

Cost: \$14.00



Choice of Plants: Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Easter Lillies, or Mums  
(Please note: The plants will come as assorted colors.)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*If you do not wish to keep your plant, please give it to a shut-in, friend or family member.*



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## **LENTEN FISH FRY!!**

### **Dine In or Take Out**



**Date:** Friday, March 22, 2024

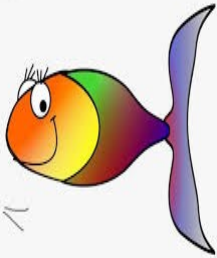
**Time:** 11:00 am until 7:00 pm

**Prices:** \$15.00-Full Dinner;

\$10-Fish Only

\$8-Kids Portion

**Dinner Includes:** Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries  
or Onion Rings



# **FISH FRY**

**McKownville United Methodist Church**

**1565 Western Avenue**

**Albany, NY 12203**

**Phone #: 518-456-1148**

**email: [mckownumc@verizon.net](mailto:mckownumc@verizon.net)**



## SKYE SUMMER CAMP



How about going to Skye Farm Camp in the Adirondacks? Located on 400+ acres of woods and on a lake, it is ideal for swimming, boating, hiking, and many other fun activities.

At an Adventure camp, you can swim, try out a corchl tube, canoe, kayak, experience a rope course, or explore camp on a new-fangled diggler scooter. Or perhaps creativity or artist camp is more your style. Enjoy creating through improv, skits, plays, dance, art, photography, or music. Skye farm also has a Hook, Line and Sinker camp, a Rocks, Ropes and River camp, a Games camp, a Night Owl camp, and other specialty camps. These are all one-week camps, for ages 6 through young adult, with sessions in July and August.

No matter what camp you choose, you will make new friends, sing songs, play games, have camp fires, and go on a wagon ride. However, what makes the Skye Farm experience unique is that it is a United Methodist Christian camp, that means campers will have opportunities to grow in their faith and build lifelong connections through living out Christian values, reading the bible, and prayer. Short daily morning chapel services and singing grace at every meal is also part of everyday camp life.

To learn more about all the camps and programs, visit the Skye Farm Camp web page at: <https://skiefarmcamp.org/> where there is information about schedules, registration, costs, directions, and contact info. Camper scholarships are also available from McKownville UMC. For an application, contact the church office or Pastor Jeff. Have more questions? Contact Paul Krekeler at 518-456-6785.

Still not sure if you want to go? ***There is an Open House on Sunday, June 23, from 1:00pm - 4:00pm.*** Take a camp tour, meet the staff, roast s'more's and enjoy a wagon ride – basically, check out the camp!



Come Join Us  
*for an*  
**OPEN HOUSE**



# MONTHLY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

Finance Team  
Leadership  
Mission/Outreach Team  
Faith Journey 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.
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# 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***

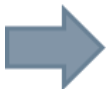
Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at: <http://www.mckownvillechurch.com>

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.

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



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



*The Guilderland Food Pantry has been serving the food insecure in Guilderland since 1979. We are members of the NE New York Regional Food Bank, Food Pantries of the Capital District, and the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce. We are also registered as a 501©(3) non-profit with the State of New York.*

*The Guilderland Food Pantry is powered by a group of hard-working and dedicated volunteers. These heroes receive, catalog, and pack food for client distribution, complete home deliveries, prepare food backpacks for school aged children, prepare holiday food baskets, and work tirelessly to ensure no one in our community goes hungry.*

*There is no better way to give back to your community than serving. We have a variety of ways you can help from serving in the pantry, delivering food, helping with holiday meals, etc. If you are interested, please contact the pantry by filling out volunteer form, sending us an email, or calling us at 518-930-1001.*

### Location

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



### Please Note:

**On line donations may be made at:  
[www.guilderlandfoodpantry.org](http://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.**





# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

15	David & Cathy Wells
16	Bill & Jackie Tureby
19	Robert Bates & Thyra Gilbert
28	Jerry & Vicki Lockman

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Pamela Weis
7	Nancy Clarke
7	Terrence O'Neill
8	Christopher Visker
12	Arthur Stott
15	Anthony Esposito
17	John Fox
27	Beverly Davies
31	Robert Hallenbeck





## March Duties



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
March 3	Persons Needed	Angela Stott
March 10 ( <i>Daylight Savings</i> )	Persons Needed	Nan Pullen
March 17	Persons Needed	Thomas Myers
March 24 ( <i>Palm Sunday</i> )	Persons Needed	Nancy Rhodes
March 31 ( <i>Easter Sunday</i> )	Persons Needed	Todd Nemec

Currently there is no bulletin. If you are not on the distribution list for the emailed worship service outline, I (or some else) will forward it to you.

If you find your date inconvenient, please attempt to switch with someone else and then let the church know (518-456-1148 or email [mckownumc@verizon.net](mailto:mckownumc@verizon.net)) as well as myself (518-456-0412 or email at [nancy\\_e\\_rutenber@yahoo.com](mailto: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...

**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.**



# MARCH 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p><b>1</b> NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)  NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> 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</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Faithful Journey</b> 6:30 pm—7:30 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 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</p>	<p><b>8</b> NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p>
<p><b>10</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm  <b>Finance Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (In Person)  AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 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</p>	<p><b>15</b> NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>18</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 noon-1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm— 5:30 pm  <b>Leadership Council</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>21</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 am  <b>Sewing Guild (GSG)</b> 1:00 pm—3:00 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</p>	<p><b>22</b> NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  <b>Trustees Team</b> after worship service  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 noon-1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm— 5:30 pm  <b>Worship Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 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  <b>Outreach Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b> NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm  <b>Women Together</b> 1:00 pm—3:00 pm</p> 	<p><b>30</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p>
<p><b>31</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 						

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