

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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***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.



## **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.

## **MANY THANKS**



A big “Thank You” to everyone who helped to make this fish fry event such a success! See you all again next year!!

And another big “Thank You” to everyone who helped in any way to make this Lenten Project/UMCOR project such a success.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BROOKS BBQ!**



Volunteers will be needed for the upcoming Brooks Chicken BBQ in April. You can volunteer by using the sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary or going on line and using the Genius Scheduler.

**Genius Scheduler** Thank you in advance for your help!



## 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

### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

One Saturday every month we have "Family Movie Night". What a great way to get together and have a fun night out!



**FREE ADMISSION AND POPCORN IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!**

### **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.

### **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.

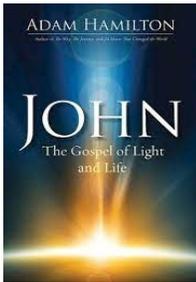




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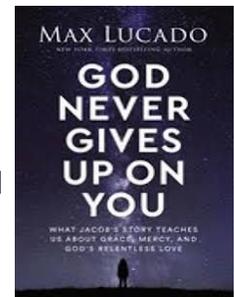


### ADULT FORUM



*John: The Gospel of Light and Love*, the **Monday night group of Adult Forum** current video study, will finish on April 15th.

The Monday night group of Adult Forum will then view and discuss Max Lucado's *God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches Us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love*.



This DVD study on the Old Testament patriarch Jacob is planned for Monday evenings at 7 p.m. on April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20. The study materials will be in the Adult Forum room down the hall.

Those wanting to attend via Zoom need to contact Kim Keane who uses her laptop for this.

### ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES



We are [very excited](#) that we now have assisted listening devices in the sanctuary that anyone can use. These devices allow people to better hear the service. Each device has a receiver and a set of headphones. Currently located in the back of the sanctuary, you can pick up a receiver from the charging station and a set of headphones from a clean bag. The receivers are already programmed so you just need to plug the headphones into the receiver and put the headphones on.

If you have your set own of headphones or earbuds that you prefer, you can use them instead. At the end of the service please use the sanitizing wipes to wipe down the headphones and place them in the basket. We currently have 8 sets and will evaluate in the future if we need more.

Many thanks to the memorials and Gifts team for this generous gift. If you have questions, please see Kelly Visker.

## *God Can Do It!!*



Not long ago, a good Christian friend discussed recent health challenges with me. I listened as he detailed a medical issue I had never heard of before. Although it was quite a learning experience for me, what stood out most was how he ended the conversation. He simply said, “But I’m praying for a stronger recovery than the doctors are expecting, *because God can do it.*”

Those words, “*God can do it*” stuck with me and made me realize that no matter how far we’ve come with technology, and through the many medical breakthroughs that we’ve been blessed with, there’s still no comparison to what our Almighty God can do.

So often we find ourselves in difficult situations, whether they be health related, perhaps financial, maybe difficult relationships, career issues, or others from the long list of challenges we face in life. These are the times, more so than ever, that we can look to our Heavenly Father and pray for His watchful care, knowing that He can change anything in our lives, at any time. There’s nothing that God can’t do!

For centuries, God has proven to us that He can do anything, for anyone, at any time. Each year at this time we remember and celebrate one of God’s greatest miracles ever – the rising of our Lord Jesus from death on the Cross to everlasting life. We’ve read about God parting the seas, sending food from above, sending us His Son through a miraculous birth to heal the sick, raise the dead to life and ultimately offer us eternal life through our Faith in Him. His list of miracles is endless and will continue to grow.

Yes, our lives can become overly complicated, sometimes through our own decisions and sometimes by curveballs thrown our way, leaving us in circumstances we could have never predicted. But through it all, God is listening to our prayers. And He has shown us through the ages that through Him, all things are possible.

Jesus told us our way to the Father is through Him, and He left us with the Holy Spirit to live among us. We are never without the presence of our Lord, and never without His ability to do whatever it is that we ask for. No matter how much the earthly odds are against us - *God can do it!!*

Dear Lord, we pray – *Dear Jesus, as we journey though life and encounter bumps and sometimes mountains that can appear to be insurmountable, please help us to always remember the simple words that comfort us through any storm – God can do it* We pray that our Faith grows stronger every day and that we fully give ourselves to You to guide our lives.

*Have a blessed spring season,*

*Dom Perfetti*

The Ministry of  
Healing

## *The Healing Ministry*



Welcome everyone to our Ministry Of Healing. Wishing all of you a "**Happy Easter**". After the Lent days of our meditation , remembrance of the Passion of Christ, and his suffering on the cross for our sins. Let us remember his life in the world - He lived a simple life. He preached the gospel, healed the sick, brought the dead to life, served food for the hungry, delivered the people from the evil power, transformed the water into the pure wine, he gave the eye sight for the blind, he healed the paralyzed so they could walk, and so many miracles. People were amazed at him. They thought that He was going to deliver them from the Roman Kingdom. They thought He would form his kingdom and he will be their King. When he was on the donkey on Palm Sunday entering into the Jerusalem, peopled shouted "Hosanna". They were waving their palm branches and walking along with him with joy. But they never knew that Jesus Christ came to the world to full fill the plan of God the Father.

Before the Lord Jesus was born, many hundreds of years before the prophet Isaiah wrote in the Book of Isaiah, in chapter 52:14-15 and chapter 53:1-12, it says about the suffering Savior and as a man of sorrow. He came to deliverer for us from our sins. "He grew like a tender shoot' (53:2) and He was rejected(53:3). He was pierced (53:5) for our transgressions and He was a Man of Sorrow. During the celebration of Easter, lets thank the Lord for His love and His suffering to deliver us from all and to offer the eternal life.

Again, the scriptures say that He is going to come again.. The second coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ, is not like the first when He came as a Savior. In the Old Testament, the prophet Zephaniah says, in the chapter 1:14-18, the second coming of the Savior is going to be, a day of , wrath, distress, anguish, trouble, ruin, darkness, gloom, blackness, battle of cry, and sudden end. It sounds that we must prepare our self for the second coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May our celebration of Easter invite the Resurrected Savior to lead us, guide us, and help us to prepare for his second coming also. Let us trust in him and follow him and obey his commandments.

Let us bow our head and offer our prayer and petition into His hands:

Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ, we are surrendering ourselves and offering our thanks for your love on the cross for us. On this Easter Day bless us, our families, and friends far and near. Help us to prepare for your second coming. Help us to meditate through your words, and promises. Lord, bless our homes and may your presence be with us all day, now and forever. In your precious name we are asking. Amen.



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





## FROM OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN

### Two early marriages celebrated at McKownville

Marriages in early days were usually held in homes or in the church parsonage. Only later did church sanctuaries become the site of weddings. However,

There is noted in McKownville church records a September 9, **1875 marriage** by **Pastor Jervis DeVoll** of Aaron Jennings and Rachael Clark of Albany in the **Mission Church**, built 1866 in

Sept 9	1875	Aaron Jennings Rachael Clark	Albany	Mission Church	Jervis DeVoll	at the parsonage
Oct 20	1875	Arthur H. Cable Henrietta A. Jean	Danbury Ct Guilderland	Bride's Parents	Jervis DeVoll	at the parsonage
Dec 15	1875	Wm. de Wagnor Anna Vanne	Guilderland	Bride's Parents	Jervis DeVoll	at the parsonage
Jan 12	1876	Alburt Carpenter Ada Griffin	Guilderland	M. E. Parsonage	Jervis DeVoll	Robert Shook Mary Tarr

the other three marriages in the shown record were performed at each bride's parents and at the M.E. Parsonage (then in Guilderland).



**Aaron E. Jennings** and his wife **Rachel M. Clark Jennings** died in McKownville 1931 & 1946 and were buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland. (Their pictures come from *Find a Grave* online.)



The **2016 memorial patio** commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of McKownville United Methodist Church includes a brick on the first couple to “*get married in the old church*”, **Emma Pauline Brunnet** and **William J. Salisbury**. The “old church” in this case should be the **1898/99 McKownville church** dedicated January 22, 1899, though there is a gap in pastor-recorded marriages from the one on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1898 until April 22, 1902. However, their marriage is listed online as **1899** with their first child born in 1900. Emma died in 1927 and William in 1963. Both were buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guilderland.

Another 2016 memorial patio brick honors **Irene Siebert**, a daughter of Emma and William Salisbury noted above, as the *longest member at McKownville* (92 years). Irene Aurelia Salisbury Siebert was born 1907 and died 2011 at age 104.





## *NEW BOOKS IN THE YELLOW*



New books have arrived in the Yellow Box at the back of the Sanctuary. Books formerly in that box have been moved to the church library. Browse the titles, pick one or two to take home to read, and then return them when you are finished. The titles are new to the church but these books are not necessarily recent publications. Most are paperback editions.

Liberating Nature: theology and economics in a new order, Paul King and David Woodyard (1999; 135 pages) One reviewer says this book is about 'liberation theology done at the intersection of economy and environment, by and for affluent North Americans.' Is that us? Is that McKownville Church?

New English Bible (1961)

On Death and Dying, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Spiritual Bankruptcy, John B Cobb, Jr. (2010; 182 pages) The author challenges our concept of religion, claiming that secularization is a process by which religion is cleansed and refocused on mission and ministry rather than on otherworldly myths and concerns. Could this be a topic for Adult Forum? Read and comment.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. Do you have a few words and want to find the full verse in the Bible? This is your source! Maybe you have a name or place; try this reference first. Because of its size, this book is found in the Adult Forum room.

The American Religion, Harold Bloom (1992; 270 pages) This book seeks to answer the question 'What Do Americans Really Believe?' Bloom says that America has created its own religion, a spirituality that is a form of Gnosticism. He examines Pentecostals, Mormons, Adventists, Christian Scientists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Southern Baptists, and African-Americans. Provocative.

The Bible: An American translation (1931; 2000 pages) The New Testament is by Edgar Goodspeed, the Old Testament by a group under the direction of J. M. P. Smith.

The Complete Gospels (1992; 420 pages) There are many short manuscripts from the first Century that have stories about Jesus and the early Church. Together they tell about Jesus from many points of view. None of these are accepted today as having theological value but they are collected as manuscripts that come from ancient sources and have reference to Jesus, Mary, or the early church. The four Gospels in our Bible today are also included.

The God of Jesus: The Historical Jesus and the Search for Meaning, Stephen Patterson (1998; 300 pages) At the time of writing, the author was at Eden Theological Seminary in St Louis.

The Oxford Annotated Apocrypha (RSV; 1965; 300 pages) These books were written between 300 BC and 50 AD. They are included in the Catholic Bible between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Septuagint Bible (1954, University of Chicago) This is an English translation of the Greek text made about 270 BC by seventy scholars (hence the name Septuagint meaning 70). It is the version of the Hebrew scriptures that Paul and the disciples would have read. The text varies in some places from the official Hebrew scriptures that were not finalized until about 800 AD.

Three Gospels, Reynolds Price (1996; 288 pages) A scholar presents his translation of Mark and John and then his own perception of the Gospel Story.

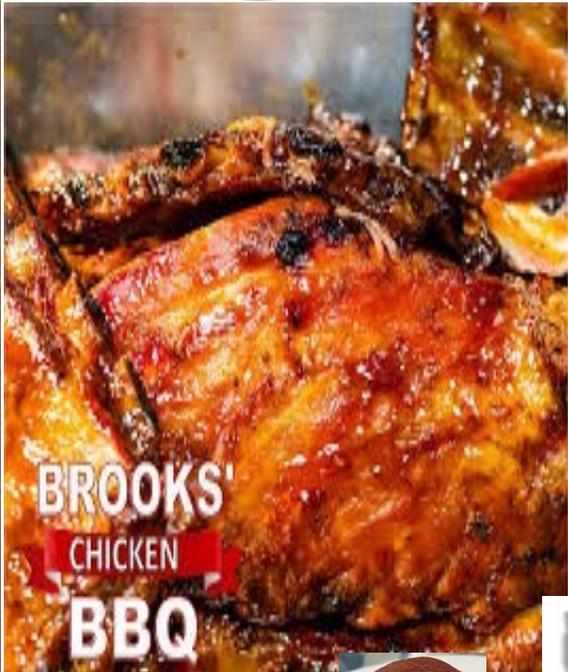
We Have This Heritage (1968) This is a collection of documents, whole or in part, written by Christians over the past two thousand years addressing situations stressful to the church. Although some of these are very old, they may be relevant to situations facing the Church today.



**BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**  
**2:00 PM UNTIL SOLD OUT!**

DRIVE-THRU  
EVENT

**PRICING:**  
\$15.00—Complete Chicken Dinner  
\$12.00—Half Chicken Only



**COMPLETE DINNER INCLUDES:**  
Half Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Coleslaw  
Dinner Rolls  
Napkin & Utensils

**PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:**  
Cash  
Checks  
Debit Cards  
Credit Cards



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**1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203**  
**Phone: 518-456-1148**  
**Website: [www.McKownvilleChurch.com](http://www.McKownvilleChurch.com)**



## **JOHN U. MILLER MEMORIAL** **44 TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK**

### **New Location to Begin and End This Year**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**21 Hackett Blvd.**  
**Albany, NY 12208**

#### **Contact:**

**Kitt Jackson**  
**(518) 462-5450**  
**kitt82@verizon.net**

Registration begins at 12:30 on Sunday, May 5, 2024, in the church hall and the walk officially steps off at 1:30 pm. You have a choice of 1 mile or 2 mile loops.

### **Recruiters Rally and Awards Celebration**

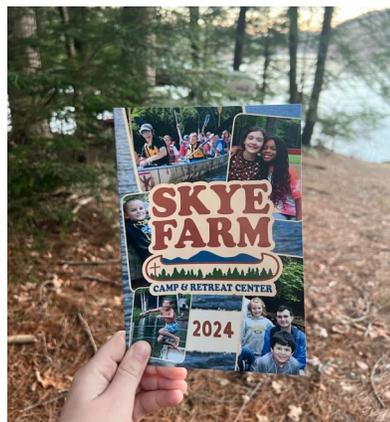
***Sunday, April 7, 2024,***  
***3:00 pm at the First Church in Albany,***  
***110 North Pearl Street,***  
***Albany, NY 12207.***

For more information, contact the Capital Area Council of Churches at (518) 462-5450.





## SKYE FARM 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

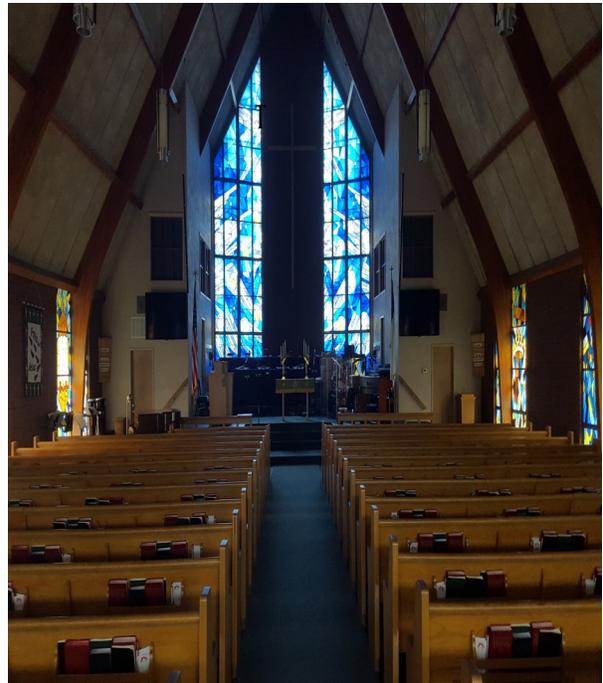
## SCHEDULE

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.
- Everyone is welcome to worship with us in person, or watch the service on Facebook or YouTube.

# 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***

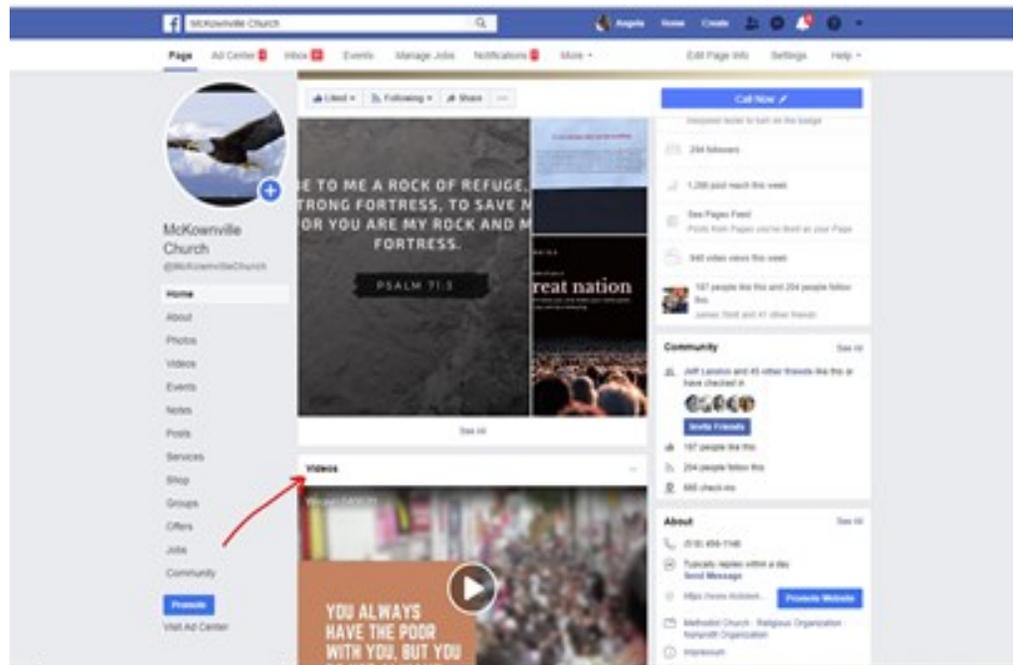
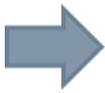
Step 1: Go to McKownville UMC's website at: <http://www.mckownvillechurch.com>

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.**

# APRIL

## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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2	Chris & Noreen VanDoren
20	Paul & Barb Cullen

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### BIRTHDAYS

1	Darcianne Leizer
2	Teri Scoville
4	Kim Keane
14	Liam Keane
15	Paul Cullen
16	Ashley Wiel
17	Matthew Steffens
18	Laura Marotta
20	Judy Bliven
24	Donna Bender
29	Chris DeVall





## APRIL DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
April 7	Persons Needed	Noreen VanDoren
April 14	Persons Needed	Kristin Waters
April 21	Persons Needed	Henry Walter
April 29	Persons Needed	Chris Spencer

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.**



# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>1</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> 	<p><b>9</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Faithful Journey</b> 6:30 pm—7:30 pm</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 am</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p>Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm</p> <p>NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p> <p>NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)</p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Finance Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 am</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p>Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm</p> <p>NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p>
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<p><b>21</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Worship Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> 10:00 am—11:30 am</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p>Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> <p><b>Outreach Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Women Together</b> 1:00 pm—3:00 pm</p> <p>The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm</p> <p>NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p>  <p><b>2:00 pm-until sold out</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</p> <p>Trustees Team after worship service</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>30</b> Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Worship Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>				

# The Easter Story for Very Young Children

## Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus.



God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. While He lived on earth, Jesus did many wonderful things. He made sick people well. He showed them how to be kind to each other and love one another. He taught God's truth to everyone He met, and He forgave the bad things people did to Him and each other. But the best thing Jesus ever did was [die on the cross](#) to save us from our sins.

All His friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed He was God's Son. But other people hated Jesus. They didn't like to hear the truth He shared because they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt Jesus and make Him go away.

After Jesus ate supper with His disciples one evening, He went into the [garden to pray](#). The men who didn't like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him. The soldiers hurt Jesus and sent Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed Him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus's disciples were very sad that they could not see Jesus anymore.

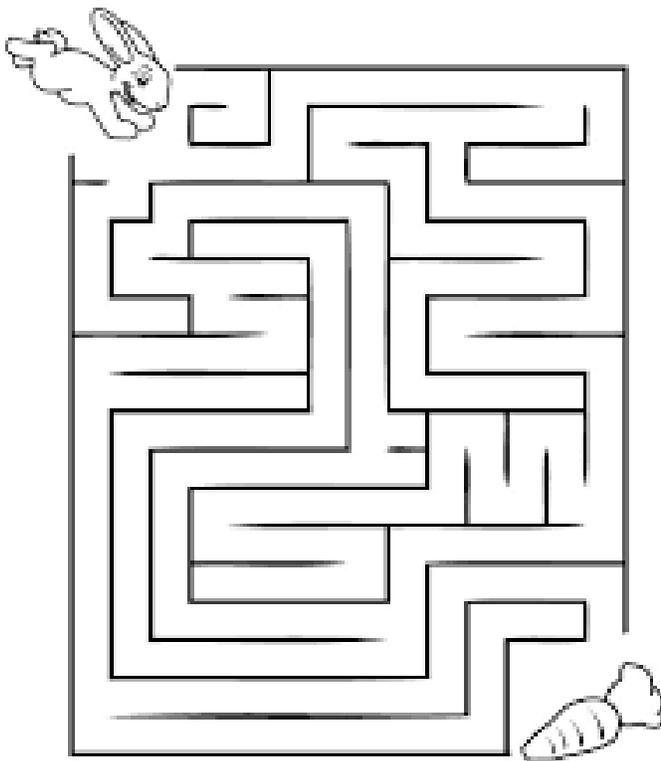
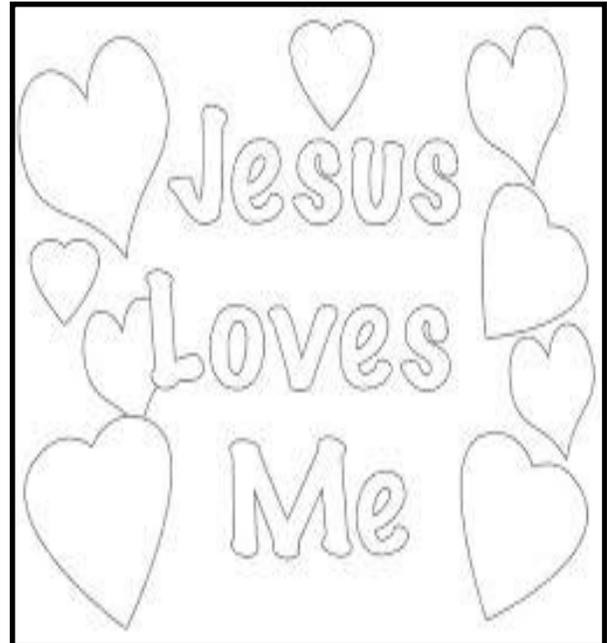
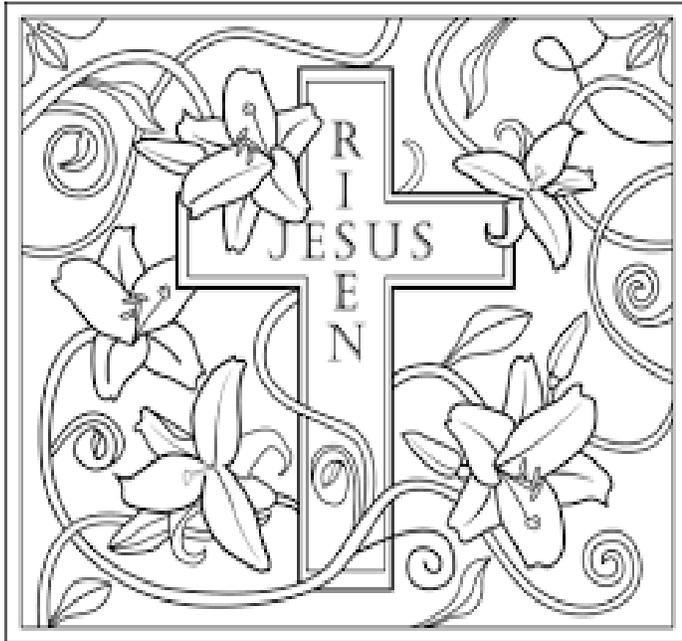
On the third day after His death, some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

His friends were scared and sad because they didn't know what had happened to Jesus's body. But then an angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! And He never died again. [He is still alive today!](#)

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