

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2024

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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

**Articles for the December Newsletter  
are due by November 15th.**

**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 at (518-456-1148) or via text at: (518- 312-6396.)

## 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 programed 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. If you have questions, please see Kelly Visker.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

We will be having our Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 13, 2024, starting at 6:00 pm. It will be a turkey dinner with a vegetarian option. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the sanctuary on Sunday, November 24th. Please plan to stay and help prepare for the Advent Season!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

Saturday, November 23rd, at 6:00 pm We will be showing The Forge.

**NO ADMISSION FEE AND POPCORN IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!**



## **ADULT FORUM**



This group resumed their meetings on Monday, September 16, 2024.. The first study will focus on DVD-based Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi with Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The children are learning a new song with Mrs. Christy.  
They will be performing very shortly at one of the Children's Time.  
If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kim Keane at: [kimkeane04@gmail.com](mailto:kimkeane04@gmail.com).



## **The Prayer Shawl Ministry**



Prayer shawls can be lap blankets or shawls. They are either knitted, crocheted, sewn, or quilted. They are meant to make you feel like you are wrapped in the arms of God. They are given to those who are grieving, to comfort those who are ill, to represent a sense of personal space, to bring hope to those in despair, and even to celebrate life and its milestones.

If anyone is interested in participating in this group, please contact Pam Boehlke at: [pboehlke@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pboehlke@nycap.rr.com).

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

- Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024.
- Set all your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.





## *From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...*

### *Time to Prepare*



Amazing we're already beginning to plan for another Holiday Season. *Didn't we just put away our summer clothes and get the kids off to a new school year??* Well, it's here again, so it's ***time to prepare!***

When we consider how much time we invest in preparing for events, it can be staggering. Think about the amount of time devoted to preparing a

Thanksgiving dinner vs how long it takes to eat it! How about preparing for an exam? *How many hours, days and sometimes even weeks do we spend preparing for a one-hour test??*

The list is endless – athletes train incredible amounts of time to prepare for a ten second race, writers can conduct research for years to gather the information needed to complete a book, and most of us have at one time or another prepared for hours for a presentation that perhaps was only five minutes long. BUT, we know preparation is absolutely critical, and without it the chances of success are slim. We reap the rewards of being well prepared and we're thankful that our time was well spent.

*How do our time investments relate to our spiritual lives?* The events we prepare for in our worldly lives are of course important but are also short lived and finite. In contrast, our Christian lives are an ongoing preparation and devotion to our Lord; to study His Word, follow His example and prepare ourselves to ultimately meet our Savior and spend eternity with Him. While the world rewards our efforts with temporary satisfaction, Jesus rewards us with the gift of infinite peace and love.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus this Christmas Season and anticipate the special days coming our way, let's also remember that each day is an opportunity to prepare ourselves spiritually for a closer walk with Him. We may all be at different points along our Christian Journey, yet all our paths lead to the Lord. ***Let's get prepared!!***



***Dear Lord we pray – As we enter another season of celebrating Your birth into our world, help us to always remember that our true goal in life is to prepare ourselves to spend eternity in Your presence and experience the peace and love that only you can offer.***

*Have a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season,  
Dom Perfetti*



## Healing Ministry



Welcome every one of you for our Ministry Of Healing. "HAPPY THANKS GIVING EVERYONE!" During the celebration of Thanksgiving, let us remember some families may have a tough time from their children. Or children may have forgotten their parents and don't visit them due to monetary issues. They need to heal from anger and being upset. Let us read about a father and son, from the Gospel of Luke 15:11-24. This is a story told by our Lord Jesus Christ for us. We read these scriptures so many times, but today let us meditate with these Scriptures. The Lord will teach us, how to share, the forgiveness and welcoming.

We may have heard so many stories about families and how family wealth had affected their relationships. Did many families not have conflicts. I would say, "NO". Because of the wealth lots of brothers and sisters closed their relationship with each other. In Luke Chapter 15:11-24, says about a wealthy family father, and his younger son. Suddenly one day the younger son went to his father and said, "Father give me the share of the property that will belong to me." (Luke 15:12) Wow! He got courage and asked this. He may be a young man and who wants to enjoy his life as he likes. If we look around the world, we can see some people like this young man. In present day, a father may be surprised because he is still alive and why would he need to share the younger son's part from his wealth? Or you can imagine what will be the conversation may happened between the father and son. This story was told by our Lord Jesus, says that the father gave the share of the younger son.

The younger son had a plan to travel to another country and enjoy his life. His plans were not God's plan, but of a human plan. He went to other country, and he spent all of his share of wealth as he liked." ( Luke 15:13-14) We can see this in our present world, some of the same people. God wants to give right blessings, but human nature overtakes by the power over ourselves. What did God say about the future that he planned for us? If we read the book of (Jeremiah 29:11-14) we can read our plan is in the hands of God. God says, "For surely I know the plans I have for your welfare and not for harm, but to give you a future with hope." But in the story of the Lord Jesus, the young man was in a hurry to do as he planned. Then he stood with empty hands and searched for a job. He was hired to feed the pigs on a farm. The master of the farm may have given small amounts of food to the young man. Once he felt hungry and remembering, "How many of my father's hired hands have enough bread." Immediately he made another plan to returning to his home. And so he started his travel.

Let us look at the young man's father. He may be a man of love and gave the share of his younger son's wealth. After his son left he may have gone to stand at the entrance of his village and prayed for his son return. Luke 15:20, scripture say, "while he was far off his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran put his arms around him and kissed him." And the father welcomed him and brought him to his home. He may have shouted to neighbors, "Hi everyone! My younger son is back home." He said to his servants. "Quickly bring the best robe and put on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet." (Luke 15:22) The father was showering his forgiveness for his son by his compassion and love.

How many fathers would be like this father in our world? Not many. I want to share a story about my father and how he was with me after I was accepted our Lord Jesus Christ, baptized in a Church, and had Christian wedding. My wealthy father told me a condition. 1) If you become a Christian and get married with a Christian wedding, from now on you are no more belong to my family. 2) You have no rights to claim any of my wealth that belongs to me. 3) You must hand over all your gold jewels to you only older sister. 4) If you want to see me and your mother, you can come as a visitor not as my daughter. I never said nothing and I handed over so much gold jewels to my sister. Myself and my husband just walked out of my parents home and return to our place. Every 3 years we would go and visit my parents for only 2 days. On the 3rd day we must get out of their house. I never touched any of my parent's wealth nor any gifts given for my 2 sons. All my parent's relatives had closed their hearts and doors to me. No more, even today. It's the same from my husband's side. Only because I was not born in the Christian family but converted as a Christian.



## Healing Ministry



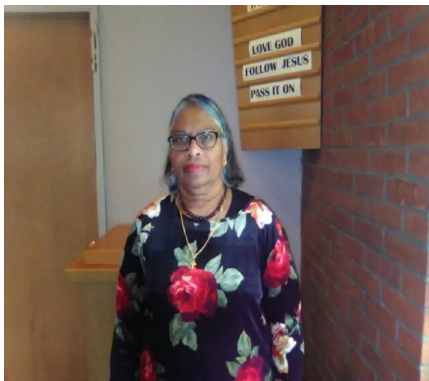
For I know the plans  
I have for you,  
declares the **LORD**  
plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you  
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*hope*  
and a *future*  
Jeremiah 29:11

But how I am blessed, I put my future and family's future in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ. I learned this from the book of Jeremiah 29:11-14, "For I know the plans I have for you", declared the Lord "Plans to prosper you and not harm you and give you plans of hope and a future. Then you will call me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will see me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will have found you."

Every promise given by God is filled with his plan, compassion, love and forgiveness for us. Instead of struggling with so many plans, if we submit our plans into His hands then He will give us the best. Just like the younger son in the story of our Lord. The younger generations wherever they are away from home, due to many reasons, let the love of God touch their hearts and go back to their home to celebrate Thanksgiving with their parents. Also may the parents who are waiting for their children to return home, be filled with compassion, love, and welcome them to Thanksgiving Day.

Let us look at Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to bring forgiveness for us and for our sins. He was sent out into the world from the God the Father. He had accepted his Father's plan to live among us, suffer for us, and give His life on the cross to redeem us. He did this out of compassion, love, and forgiveness on our behalf. On the third day he was resurrected and returned to God the Father. We can only imagine how the celebration was in heaven. We cannot even describe it. The Son of God is willing to help us. May we all join our hearts and minds to pray for all the young sons and daughters in our country and pray for them. If some are away from home for whatever reasons, may the love of God guide them to return home to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with their parents and families. Amen.

Let us pray, " Our beloved Father God Almighty, we are giving our thanks for all these months of blessing for us. Lord, we are praying that all the younger generations of sons and daughters in our nation, who are making plans for their future be filled with all they need. Also, those who left their homes, fill their hearts with your love and compassion to return to their homes and celebrate Thanksgiving with their parents. Hold them and put your arms around them. Strengthen their faith in you and teach them everything what they need in their daily lives. Give them special wisdom and knowledge for their education and for their future careers. In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we pray for them. Amen.



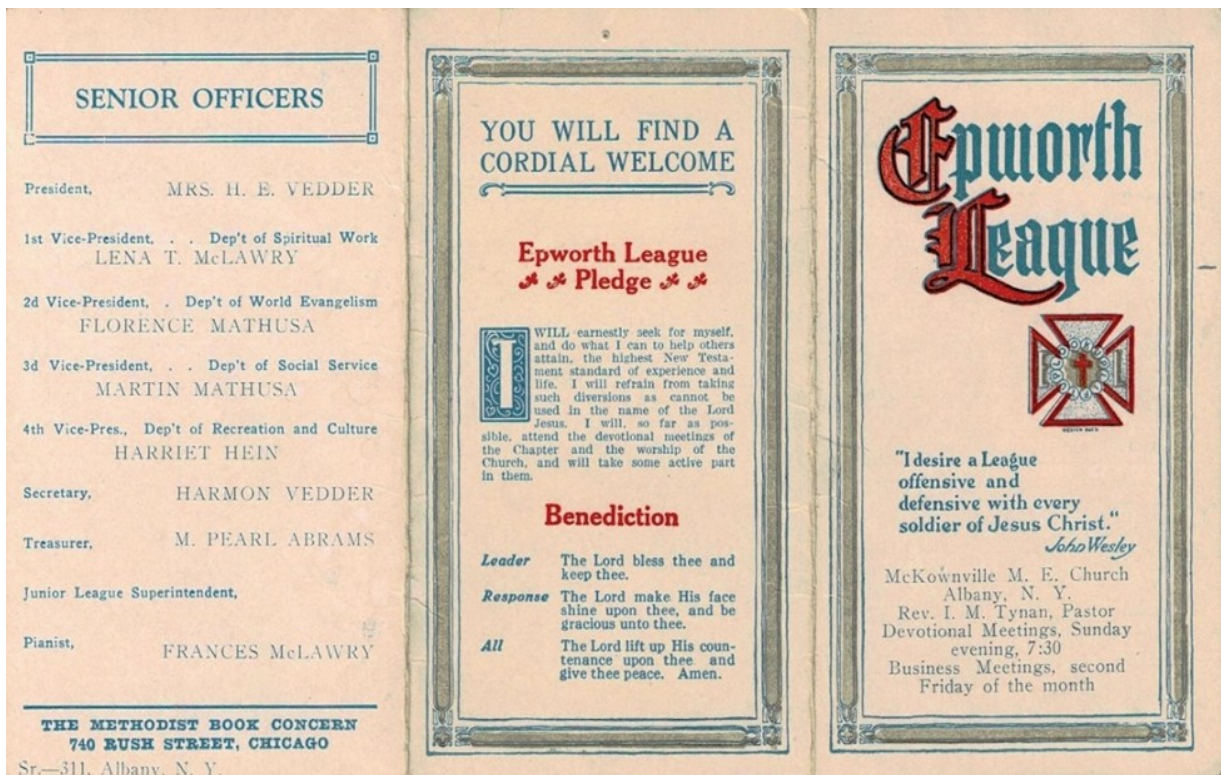
**Olive Ezekiel,  
Minister for Healing**



## *Memorials and Other Gifted Furnishings in 1898 McKownville Church*

### 1927 Epworth League at McKownville

The *Epworth League* of the Methodist Episcopal Church started in 1889 as a *young adult co-ed association for persons aged 18 to 35* with the motto "*Look Up, Lift Up.*" Later, after a Junior Division was formed for younger persons, this age group beThis 1927 folded card (front side above, other side next page) from **McKownville Methodist Episcopal Church** was for the *Epworth League's Senior division* and notes its officers and the devotional topics for January – June. Their business meetings were held the second Friday of the month.



The local Epworth League officers were: **President** Mrs. H. E. Vedder,

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Dept. of Spiritual Work** Lena T. McLawry,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dept. of World Evangelism** Florence Mathusa,

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President – Dept. of Social Service** Martin Mathusa,

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President – Dept. of Recreation and Culture** Harriet Hein,

**Secretary** Harmon Vedder, **Treasurer** M. Pearl Abrams, and **Pianist** Frances McLawry.

These 1927 **Senior Devotional Topics for the Epworth League** were developed nationally. The first, January 2, was *Beginning with an Inventory*, 2 Corinthians 13:5; Luke 13 14:25-35.

SENIOR Devotional Topics January-June, 1927		SENIOR DEVOTIONAL TOPICS—Continued	SENIOR DEVOTIONAL TOPICS—Continued
January 2 Marguerite Pendleton Beginning with an Inventory. 2 Cor. 13:5; Luke 14:25-35.	January 9 Jeanette Momberger Establishing Zones of Silence. (Morning Watch.) Psa. 46:10; Psa. 62:1.	March 6 M. Pearl Abrams Who's My Boss? John 2:5; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Jer. 10:23.	May 1 Mrs. H. E. Vedder Loyalty to My Church—Why and How. Acts 2:37-42; 1 Cor. 12:12-27.
January 16 Emma Fahd Grounded: Shallow or Deep? Matt. 13:1-9; 20:23; Eph. 3:17-19.	January 23 George Momberger Mission Study. 1. "Foundations of Home Missions." 2. "The New Rural Life."	March 13 Grace Mathusa What's My Job? Col. 3:23, 24; John 13:3-15.	May 8 Harriet Hein With Christ in the Out-of-Doors. Mark 6:30-32.
January 30 Harold Lapham Mission Study. 1. "Christianity in a New World." 2. "A Christian Program for the New Rural Life."	February 6 Emma Winnie Mission Study. 1. "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." 2. "Extension Work in the Local Parish."	March 20 Raymond Albright Who Gets the Pay Check? Acts 20:35; Exod. 35:29.	May 15 Harmon Vedder Measuring Up to Our Past. (Anniversary Day.) Gen. 26:18-22; Isa. 30:20.
February 13 Harriet Clark Mission Study. 1. "In Village, Town and Country." 2. "Leadership for the New Rural Church."	February 13 Harriet Clark Mission Study. 1. "In Village, Town and Country." 2. "Leadership for the New Rural Church."	March 27 Harold Clark The Reality of Invisible Forces. 2 Kings 6:14-17; Heb. 11:1.	May 22 Mildred Crouse Keeping Faith with Our Pledge. John 8:20; Psa. 116:12.
February 20 Marion Allanson Mission Study. 1. "Spiritualizing Education." 2. "The Rural Church and the Nation."	February 27 Ida Hein Mission Study. 1. "Some Implications." 2. "A Program for the Rural Church." (NOTE: 1. Text "The Advancing Church." 2. Text "Our Templed Hills.")	April 3 Florence Mathusa Building the Prayer Habit. Dan. 6:10; Luke 11:1-13.	May 29 Libbie Johnson Keeping Pace with Our Emblem. Matt. 22:36-40.
February 27 Ida Hein Mission Study. 1. "Some Implications." 2. "A Program for the Rural Church." (NOTE: 1. Text "The Advancing Church." 2. Text "Our Templed Hills.")	February 27 Ida Hein Mission Study. 1. "Some Implications." 2. "A Program for the Rural Church." (NOTE: 1. Text "The Advancing Church." 2. Text "Our Templed Hills.")	April 10 Helen Manville Must We Lose to Win? Matt. 10:39; John 19:28-30; 2 Cor. 12:9, 10.	June 5 Joe Stahl Playing the Game Together. 1 Cor. 3:5-11.
		April 17 Mr. I. Tynan "Christ is Alive!" Easter Sunday. Luke 24:1-9; Gal. 2:20.	June 12 Mrs. I. Tynan Friendships that Inspire Home Ideals. Matt. 19:6; Gen. 29:20.
		April 24 John Clark The Standard of the Christian Life. Eph. 4:13; Isa. 32:2.	June 19 Maude Abrams College: Why, Where, How. Acts 22:3; Prov. 8:1-12.
			June 26 Martin Mathusa Unroofed Recreations. Psa. 19:1; 1 Cor. 9:24-27.

The persons listed locally for the various January 2 – June 26, 1927 Sunday evening devotional weekly meetings at 7:30 p.m. were: **Marguerite Pendleton**, **Jeanette Momberger** [circa 1935-37 led the female Sunshine Class], **Emma Fahd** [received as church member at McKownville 1931], **George Momberger** [joined 1927], **Harold Lapham** [joined 1925], **Emma Winnie** [Emma M. Winnie before 1930 married Harold G. Lapham], **Harriet Clark** [joined 1925], **Marion Allanson** [aunt of Marion Leizer, joined 1931], **Ida Hein** [joined 1928], **M. Pearl Abrams**, **Grace Mathusa**, **Raymond Albright** [joined 1925], **Harold Clark**, **Florence Mathusa** [joined 1925], **Helen Manville** [joined 1925], **Mr. I. Tynan** (pastor), **John Clark**, **Mrs. H. E. Vedder** [Helen?], **Harriet Hein**, **Harmon Vedder** [Harmon E. Vedder joined 1921; son Harmon Jr. joined 1926], **Mildred Crouse** [joined 1921], **Libbie Johnson** [joined 1919; her husband was James], **Joe Stahl** [Joseph joined 1925], **Mrs. I. Tynan** [Florence Tynan, the pastor's wife], **Maude Abrams**, and **Martin Mathusa**.

**Rev. Irving Muir Tynan** (1878 – 1935) pastored McKownville for the 1924/25 through the 1926/27 appointment years. Tynan graduated in 1907 from the *Union Missionary Training Institute* in Brooklyn and served fifteen years for the Board of Foreign Missions in **Burma** where he was ordained Deacon, then Elder. In 1916 he married Florence M. Fort of Mechanicville. Later *District Superintendent of the Burma Missionary Conference*, he returned with his wife to NYS April 1923 with two children Dunton & Sarah. Tynan first served as an assistant at Mechanicville, then McKownville, then Slingerlands church where he died.

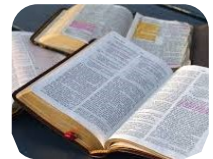


The reception for incoming pastor and wife Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. S. Becker was May 5, 1927. On June 12, presumably someone subbed for Pastor Tynan's wife who had been assigned then.





# Adult Forum



## Tentative Schedule Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm

The next Adult Forum study is **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem** with Adam Hamilton. The Holy Land itself is part of the message, but not all. See attached file for more on each session.

[no meeting Veterans Day Nov. 11]

Session 1 - November 18, 2024 - *Mary of Nazareth* (Luke 1:26-38)

Session 2 - Nov. 25 - *Joseph of Bethlehem* (Matthew 1:18-25)

Session 3 - Dec. 2 - *Mary's Visit to Elizabeth* (Luke 1:39 - 56)

Session 4 - Dec. 9 - *From Nazareth to Bethlehem* (Luke 2:1-7)

Session 5 - Dec. 17 - *The Manger* (Luke 2:8-20)

NO meeting Monday, December 23

Bonus from Journey DVD - December 30 - *The Holy Land* (13 minute video includes a brief history, the built dividing wall as of 2010/2011, talks with a Christian Arab & a Jewish American and group discussion.)



If you are interested in participating via ZOOM, please let Kim Keane know. She can be reached at: kimkeane04@gmail.com.

# PUMPKINS



It was a very successful October for our Pumpkin Patch. I want to take a moment to recognize the wonderful support of our church community for the last 25 years.

I have heard many wonderful stories from the patch about time spent sharing and visiting with each other. What I love most about this venture is that our whole church family has really bonded together to support this project. I like to say "from seed to scrap" this pumpkin patch supports God's Kingdom!

Many of our patch sitters can tell you the story of how our patch supports the Navajo, and the independent truckers. We can all name at least one mission trip someone from our church community has taken with scholarship money from the patch.

And after our sale a handful of people get together to make 100+ pumpkin pies for the Capital City Rescue Mission. What cannot be used for pies are sent to local farms to supplement their feed for the winter.

Thank you for all you do to support all of these projects.

In our patch, a man walking down the street picked a penny up off the ground and gave it to James in the patch. He said "I don't have enough to buy a pumpkin - but every penny helps, right?" It made me think of the scripture about the offering of a penny worth more than a large sum to someone who has nothing.

Another woman came to the patch and asked if her son could see the inside of our church as he had many questions about church and God. That may have opened the door to a new faith for that young person being the first time he was welcomed inside.

Another customer asked if she could just sit and chat for a while with one of our volunteers feeling so welcomed she was happy to have someone to talk with.

Look at the ways the pumpkin patch can open doors! A completely volunteer run program here at McKownville is truly Changing the World One Pumpkin at a Time.

**Thank you for being a part of it!**

# *Meals for the Homeless Shelter*



Can you fill the bellies of 25 men in need? Can you provide a meal for the Capital District Area Council of Churches' Homeless Shelter in Albany, on the second or fourth Wednesday of any month starting in November and going through April, on behalf of our church? This year the Shelter is also in need of meals the second and fourth Thursdays as well as the fifth Wednesday in January through April.

Our church has been blessed with enough volunteers to provide meals twice a month for many years, and I am praying that even more families or singles can find the time to make a meal again this year. If making the meal is too much for you, you can reach out to me to discuss the cost of providing the ingredients for me to make a meal on your behalf.

Meals are: entree, vegetable, starch and dessert but no pork and no fish. Rolls, salad or other sides are optional but very much appreciated. They have hearty eaters for whom dinner is the absolute highlight of their day. Meals do not need to include meat as their protein. Macaroni and cheese, vegetarian chili, rice and beans, etc. are some suggestions. In addition, the Shelter can obtain chicken or ground beef from the Regional Food bank if cost is a factor, I just need advance notice to have that ordered.

The Emergency Overflow Shelter has moved and is now located in THE FIRST CHURCH OF ALBANY on the corner of Pearl and Orange Streets. Drop off the fully cooked meal between 6:00-6:15 PM. When you arrive with your meal, please call the shelter at 518-426-1227, open your trunk and staff will come to your car to receive your meal. You will not have to carry it to the door as in the past.

Currently, there is no early drop off of the meal, but I may be able to assist you with the drop off, if I am in town.

Please contact Noreen VanDoren at [Norvandoren@yahoo.com](mailto:Norvandoren@yahoo.com) to sign up for a meal.





## Operation Christmas Child

**Operation Christmas Child** is again sponsored this year by Samaritan's Purse. It brings one-time *shoebox gifts and Christian literature* to children in more than 170 countries around the world.

Some already wrapped boxes to fill will be available at McKownville UMC for pickup or you can decorate your own standard size shoe box or use one of the pre-printed boxes. **National Collection Week is Monday, November 18 – Monday, November 25, 2024.** The ten-dollar suggested contribution per box pays for processing, transportation, ministry materials, and training. For more information, see the leaflet inside each box and at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

The **local collection point** is at **City Harvest Family Church, 585 Central Avenue** (Rt. 5 near No. Main Ave.), Albany, NY 12206-1914. Hours there for drop-off are noted below.

(OR get your box to Nancy Rutenber, local Project Leader, by Sunday morning, November 24.)

**Albany, NY - City Harvest Family Church – local collection point**  
**585 Central Avenue Albany** (Rt. 5 near No. Main Ave.), NY 12206-1914

Boxes can be dropped off there these times -

Mon, November 18 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Tue, Nov. 19 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Wed, Nov. 20 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Thu, Nov. 21 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Fri, Nov. 22 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Sat, Nov. 23 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
 Sun, Nov. 24 - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
 Mon, Nov. 25 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(OR drop off to *Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054-3701.* Hours there are Monday-Friday November 18 - 22 4 PM – 7PM, Saturday, Nov. 23 10 AM – 12 PM, Sunday, Nov. 24 12 – 2 PM, and Monday Nov. 25 10 AM – 12 PM.)

**For delivery for you to the local collection site, return filled Operation Christmas Child boxes to the church collection box by 11 a.m. Sunday, November 24.**



## *Raise Right Gift Cards*



Our church is participating in a gift card fundraiser. This fund raiser allows people to purchase gift cards from a variety of participating vendors and help raise money for the church. While this fund raiser is ongoing, we would like to encourage this during the Christmas season so that you can make the best of your gift card needs. It is easy to do! We have found that placing a bulk order is the most efficient way for our church to participate.

**How does it work?** For each gift card purchased a percentage comes back to church. Hannaford Supermarket, for example, will give 3.5% of the purchase back to the church and Jimmy Johns will give 8%.

**What do I need to do?** Take a gift card packet from the back of the sanctuary, then ask your friends and family if they need any gift cards. Fill out the order form for any cards that you want. Once you have it filled out, write a check to The McKownville UMC for the total and return it to Kelly Visker.

**Why should I do this?** This is good for both you and the church. You have purchasing needs, and these gift cards are a way to fulfil those needs. We have members who are regularly buying Hannaford Gift cards to use for their weekly groceries through Raise Right. Since they are purchasing their groceries there anyways it was beneficial to also help the Church. It is a win-win situation. Do you buy Hams from the Honey Ham Company? Why not get a gift card and support the church while buying your Christmas Ham? Do you give gift cards as Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers? Buy then from Raise right and a portion of the proceeds go back to church.

**Details:** Orders and payments need to be to Kelly Visker by December 8<sup>th</sup>, this will ensure delivery well before Christmas.\* All cards will be bulk emailed to Kelly, and she will distribute them when they arrive. If you need an order form emailed to you, please let the church office know and we will get it to you. Please make sure that you put your phone number on the order form.

\*If you have ordered cards online in the past to be directly shipped to you, you can continue to do this. Due to higher than usual shipping costs, we will not be able to make online orders delivered to the coordinator, only cards ordered through the order forms will be mailed to the coordinator for distribution.

## **Christmas Poinsettias!**

Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott or mail the form and check to **Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, NY 12084**. Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church. **DO NOT SEND CASH**

**Deadline is Sunday, December 8th**

\$6.00      \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White                      \_\_\_ Pink  
 \$12.00     \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White                      \_\_\_ Marble  
 \$33.00     \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White



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

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

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

**\*\*Poinsettias will be available to pick up after the Christmas Eve service or after worship on Sunday, December 29th**

## **Christmas Poinsettias!**

Please fill out your order and hand it with your check to Angela Stott or mail the form and check to **Angela Stott, 65 Willow Street, Guilderland, NY 12084**. Please make your checks payable to McKownville United Methodist Church. **DO NOT SEND CASH**

**Deadline is Sunday, December 8th**

\$6.00      \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White                      \_\_\_ Pink  
 \$12.00     \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White                      \_\_\_ Marble  
 \$33.00     \_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_ White



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# MISSION/OUTREACH CORNER

## Mission/Outreach Team



### DONATE FOOD TO THE GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

- |                |                  |                         |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Canned Carrots | Canned Peas      | Canned Corn             |
| Diced Tomatoes | Spaghetti Sauce  | Canned Tuna Fish        |
| Canned Chicken | Baked Beans      | Corned Beef Hash        |
| Canned Fruits  | Canned Beets     | Mayonnaise (small jars) |
| Boxed Potatoes | Canned Pineapple | Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix   |
| Creamed Corn   |                  |                         |

*Items listed above may be left in the back of the sanctuary on the cart in the "Mission Corner."*

### MAGAZINES NEED

- Donate your magazines
- These magazines are used for patients at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.
- Please leave your magazines in the back of the sanctuary on the cart in the "Mission Corner."
- Thank you



### UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF



- We are participating in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) again this year.
- This organization has alleviated the suffering of individuals, families, and community who are affected by both natural and humanmade disasters.
- Their website is as follows: <https://umcmmission.org/>
- More details to follow.

### HURRICANE RELIEF

Do you want to help with the hurricane relief? Donate to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery, [Advance # 901670](#).





## **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.



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
 @ 10.00 AM

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>

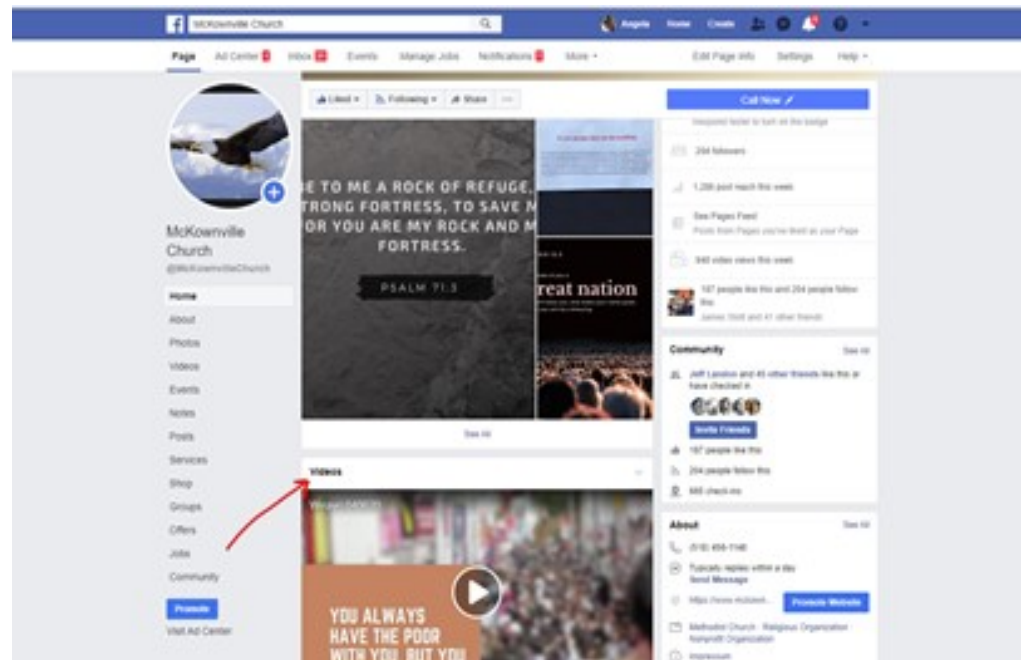
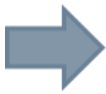
**Step 2:** On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:

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.



## **NOVEMBER DUTIES**



<u><b>DATES</b></u>	<u><b>USHERS/GREETERS</b></u>	<u><b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b></u>
<b>November 3</b> <i>(Daylight Savings Time Ends)</i>	<b>Persons Needed</b>	<b>Nancy Rutenber</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Persons Needed</b>	<b>Frank D'Ambrosio</b>
<b>November 17</b> <i>(Commitment Sunday)</i>	<b>Persons Needed</b>	<b>Todd Nemec</b>
<b>November 24</b> <i>(Thanksgiving Sunday)</i>	<b>Persons Needed</b>	<b>Cathy Wells</b>

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.***



**NOVEMBER**  
**ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**



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6	James & Angela Stott
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**NOVEMBER**  
**BIRTHDAYS**


1	Diane Steffens
2	Nancy Pullen
3	Patrick DeVall
9	Ruth O'Hare
11	Frank D'Ambrosio
12	Sandy Smith
17	Christopher Spencer
21	Ildra Morse
21	Dakota Stott
28	Carl Morse
30	Todd Nemec





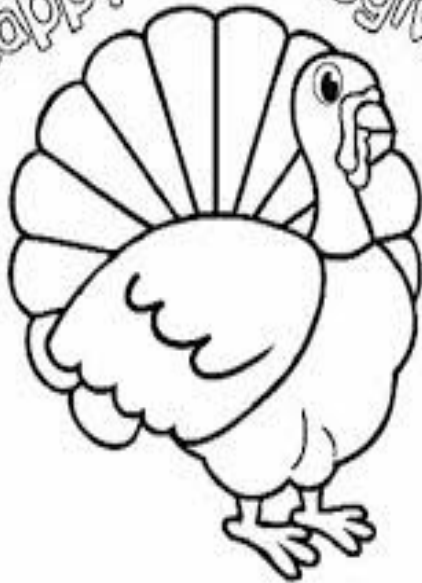
# NOVEMBER 2024



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
					<p><b>1</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>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</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>4</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</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>6</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>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</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>8</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>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</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> 	<p><b>12</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>Leadership Council</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Sewing Guild (GSG)</b> 1:00 pm—3:00 pm</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>15</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>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</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</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>20</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Outreach Team</b> 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>22</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>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</p> <p><b>Trustees Team</b> after worship service</p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</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>27</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> 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>29</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>30</b> 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p>

# ACTIVITY PAGE

Happy Thanksgiving



Color by number!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1- Red  
2- Yellow  
3- Orange  
4- Green  
5- Brown

A turkey illustration where different parts are labeled with numbers 1 through 5. The head is 1, the neck is 3, the tail feathers are 4, the wings are 5, and the body is 5. The feet are 3. A legend at the bottom left lists the colors for each number: 1- Red, 2- Yellow, 3- Orange, 4- Green, 5- Brown.

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