MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025



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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

<u>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</u>

• Saturday, February 22nd, at 7:00 pm

• Featured Movie: Flywheel



NO ADMISSION FEE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!AND POPCORN IS

<u>ALWAYS AVAILABLE!!</u>





ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is on March 5th. Details for Ash Wednesday will be announced in the March newsletter.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

- We are still looking for homeless meal providers for April 9 and April 23.
- If you would like to help out or need more information, please contact Noreen VanDoren at norvandoren@yahoo.com



As often as you did it for one of my lease brothers, you did it for me



ADDRESS CHANGE

- Dorothy Ellinwood and Henry Walter have moved.
- Their new address is as follows:

 Parkland Garden Apartments
 325 Kings Road
 Apartment 23
 Schenectady, NY 12304

SUNDAY SHOOL

The children had great fun celebrating Advent and will continue to learn and grow in 2025. We continue to take a hands-on learning approach and are committed to serving our community by preparing items for the coffee hour and celebration in song during Children's Chat monthly.





From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

Like There's No Tomorrow

Go after it like there's no tomorrow! This could come across as a desperate statement but can also be a motivator. We hear it a lot with sports teams - single elimination tournaments – We gotta win this one or there's no tomorrow!

The thought of "no tomorrow" can certainly create in us a new mindset, whether on a sports team, on the job or in any capacity where success in that instance is a must. Looking at a situation as having either a "win" or "it's over" mentality can certainly motivate us to pull out all the stops. We may end up taking more risks than usual or trying a new approach or technique. We simply must do something different to give ourselves the best opportunity to succeed.

If you are going keep trusting God. He knows how to bless you in unexpected ways!

Often times our world dictates our circumstances and we may feel the predicament we're in has no clear path forward and the consequences of failthrough difficult times, ing may seem devasting at the time. Looking at these situations from a Christian perspective can shine a new light on how we view these times of trial and lead us to a better place. Knowing that in whatever we do, our Lord Jesus is with us, and we never need to worry or be concerned about a "no tomorrow." Jesus gave His all for us so we could give our all for Him. Being successful as a Christian vs being successful in the world around us

can carry very different meanings. Maintaining our Faith through difficult times is what Jesus asks us to do, as He has promised us that through His Holy Spirit that He will always be with us. He knows our intentions and through His love and forgiveness, there is always a tomorrow.

The year is still young, and it may be a good time to pause and think about our "tomorrows." Are we feeling confident about the months ahead? Are we worried about our circumstances and having anxiety about what might happen in the future?? Let's reset our thinking, knowing that as always, when we turn our thoughts to the Lord and give all we have to Jesus, we can be fully confident that He will guide us and always lead us to a tomorrow with Him - for the days to come and for eternity.

Dear Lord we pray – We know our physical world changes constantly and we often find ourselves in situations that can make us feel like there's no way out. Help us to always remember that You are there for us to shine Your Light on us and guide us so we can see beyond our world's challenges and focus on our path to You. With you in our lives, there is always a tomorrow.

Enjoy the gradual longer days, Dom Perfetti



Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. Praise the Lord. He helped us to get through the first month of 2025. He loves us and He wants to be with us.

Presently, so many people are in need of healing. He is our healer and we can trust Him. When the Lord Jesus Christ was in our world, he healed so many people. He healed in a different manner. In the gospel of John 9:1-6, he healed a blind man in an unusual way. (Please read the scripture). The disciples thought, maybe either the blind man or his parents had sinned. But the Lord said neither of them had and then He used his saliva and mud to make an ointment to be applied on the blind man's eyes. He told the blind man to go and wash his eyes in the Pool of Shalom. The man obeyed Jesus and he washed his eyes in the Pool of Shalom. He trusted the Lord, followed his command, and had activated the healing power for his eyes.



In the gospel of Mark 2:1-12, the scripture says that the Lord Jesus Christ was in a house at Capernaum with a paralytic man and his four friends. (Please read the scripture). The house was filled with people everywhere; but, the four men decided that they were not going back with their sick friend. They would make a way to hand over their sick friend to the Lord for his healing. So they made a quick plan. They said, "Let us remove some part of the roof and let us drop our friend near the Lord Jesus where he was sitting. We can help the home owner to repair it. We tried our best for him." They took the responsibility of damaging the house roof to help their friend be healed.

The Lord looked up and may have smiled at them because of their courage, and faith. He identified the paralyzed man's sins and gave him forgiveness. Then he commanded," I tell you, get up take your mat and go home." Immediately the sick man was healed and he got out of the bed and went home.

I want to share one of my experiences about how the Lord had used me. My brother-in-law was paralyzed and in the hospital. I did bed-side duty for him. I read the scripture from Mark 2:-12 and I knelt near his bed and prayed for his healing. My brother-in-law thought he would never walk again. I encouraged him with the scripture Mark 2:1-12. I asked our Lord through this scripture, "Lord Jesus you helped this man at Capernaum. Help my brother-in-law to receive his healing to walk again and go back to his home and his work. Day and night I shed my tears for my brother-in-law and I said my prayers for him. I also told his physical therapist to pray silently and help him to walk. After 15 days he was totally healed



and walked normally. He went back to his home, his job, and worked for many years until he retired. He never became sick again. When we use our intense faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, He will perform miraculous healing in our human body. It was a miracle by the Lord Jesus Christ for my brother-in-law to be healed. I always trust, with all my heart, in the Lord as our healer. Praise the Lord.

Today many people are sick at home, in hospitals, and in different places. They need our Lord's healings. We must pray for them. Let us bow our heads, humble our hearts, and just look to our Lord for his healings. The Book of Isaiah chapter 53 says, "By his wounds were healed." Yes, the scripture says that He will heal anyone who is sick.

Let us pray:---

Mighty Lord Jesus Christ we come to your We humble our hearts, and trust in your healing power for the people who are at home, in hospitals, nursing homes and everywhere else. Lord, touch them by your wounded palms of your hands. Bless them to receive their total healing. Heal their families and let them receive the miracle healing reports. Also, bless us and our families. In your sweet name we are praying. Amen, Amen, and Amen.



Olive Ezekiel, Minister for Healing



McKownville Methodist Sunday School Classes in 1956

In 1956 there were double sessions of Sunday school and worship. Some Sunday School classes met in the former apartment house back of the church (originally an chicken coop). The later sanctuary and education wing dedicated in 1960 alleviated this overflow problem







These three pictures are in the former chicken house. (Teacher Joan Clark above married Mr. Brown.)



<u>On the left</u> – Krausee, Susan Garmon, Sandra Temple, *teacher Mrs. Sherman*, Rhonda Weeks, Bea Ann Schampp

On the right – Alan Lockwood, Leslie Crouse, Roberta Crouse, Janet King, Barbara Johnston, Chuck Lockrow, Jack Magnus, Bruce Andres, Ken Acker, David Becker, teacher Mr. Poteat





<u>On the left</u> – in auditorium of old building (now a dining room)

On the right – basement of old church





Adult Forum



Sessions Held: Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm

"God's story is glorious, surprising, victorious, and beautiful. His story, when we really listen closely, is our story."

February 10, 2025 - 1. When You Discover Your Place in God's Plan

[NO meeting Monday, February 17th - President's Day]

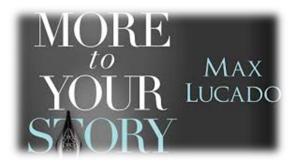
February 24, 2025 - 2. Ordinary Matters

March 3, 2025 - 3. You Hear a Voice You Can Trust

March 10, 2025 - 4. You Won't Be Forsaken

March 17, 2025 - 5. Your Final Chapter Becomes a Preface

March 24, 2025 - 6. You Will Finally Graduate





2025 Pledge Drive Update

The 2025 stewardship campaign results are in, by the numbers:

- 43 pledges received
- 3 new pledges
- 13% increase in amount pledged from last year
- \$204,836 total amount pledged

The Finance Ministry Team thanks each person and family that made a pledge and who otherwise contributes to support the work of our church financially in 2025. We are grateful and give thanks for the generous, cheerful, thoughtful, and sacrificial pledges we have received. With these pledges, we are now better equipped to continue the vital, exciting, and life-changing work of reaching out to invite, form, and send disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Again, **thank you all** for your giving , which is the foundation and key to our financial and spiritual successes!

Submitted by, Paul Krekeler



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 to sign up for a meal.



MISSION/OUTREACH CORNER

Mission/Outreach Team



DONATE FOOD TO THE GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

Canned CarrotsCanned PeasCanned CornDiced TomatoesSpaghetti SauceCanned Tuna FishCanned ChickenBaked BeansCorned Beef HashCanned FruitsCanned BeetsMayonnaise (small jars)Boxed PotatoesCanned PineappleJiffy Corn Muffin Mix

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.

Creamed Corn

- 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 int he 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://umcmission.org/
- More details to follow.

MISSION/OUTREACH CORNER

Mission/Outreach Team

Paul and Patti Krekeler's daughter, Debbie, will be going on a Christian Medical Mission trip to Gambia in Africa. She is looking for some donations to bring with her on her trip. More specifics are listed below.

Christian Medical Mission Trip to Gambia Debbie Krekeler April 2025 - Request





- Donations Needed:
 - ▶ Canes
 - Braces especially for knee, ankle, wrist, elbow
 - ▶ Elastic Theraband
 - Kinesiotape
- Donations to be collected by Feb 16th
- Donations can be given to Paul& Patti Krekeler



MONTHLY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

Finance Team
Leadership
Mission/Outreach Team
Faith Journey Group
Trustees Team
Worship Team

Second Tuesday at 5:30 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.



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.



FEBRUARY DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	USHERS/GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	
February 2	Persons Needed	Nan Pullen	
February 9	Persons Needed	Tricia Stott	
February 15 (President's Day Weekend)	Persons Needed	Nancy Rutenber	
February 23	Persons Needed	George Janeczko	

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

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

As Worship Leaders, you help set the tone that prepares the congregation for worship. Worship leader notes with service guidelines are in the attached document. (If you cannot open, let me know.)

One copy of the Worship Leader Reference is kept in the pulpit/lectern. The pastor or guest speaker can inform you if there are any changes.

Aids to being Worship Leader:

Service outline and scripture: Look at a copy or email of the worship outline to familiarize yourself with the service for which you will be Lay Worship Leader. This includes the church policy about wearing masks.

Be early and get ready: On Sunday, please arrive at the church fifteen minutes prior to the service for which you are serving and check up front.

The microphone will be turned on; if you are tall or short, you may need to move it closer to your mouth. The visuals team started a 5-minute timer on the monitors to help get the services started on time. The worship leader can begin the greetings to the congregation after the timer counts down to zero and the organist/pianist is seated. In the fall, the Pastor may start handling this and announcements again.

Remember that worship is to God. Thank you for helping the congregants worship.

Nancy Rutenber, Worship Leader Coordinator "May your life sing." - NR

Please Note...

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.



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



<u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

No anniversaries during this month

<u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u>

2	David Hunt
6	Landon Bates
12	Solomon Hunt
14	Adrianna DeVall
25	Maria Hunt
26	Beatrice Dolgnice





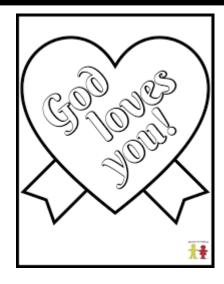


FEBRUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						1 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)
2 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm Happy Groundhed payl	3 Cub S9outs 6:15 pm—8:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	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	5 Faith Journey 6:30pm-8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm-8:00 pm GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	6 Top of the Hill 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	7 The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	8 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)
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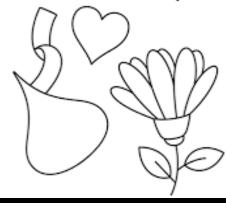




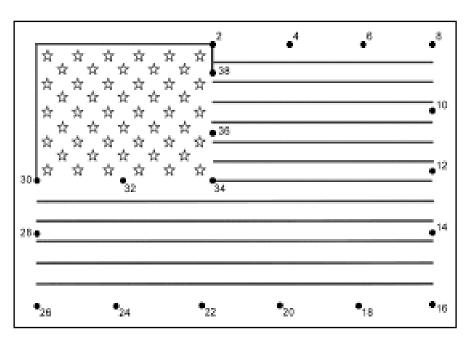




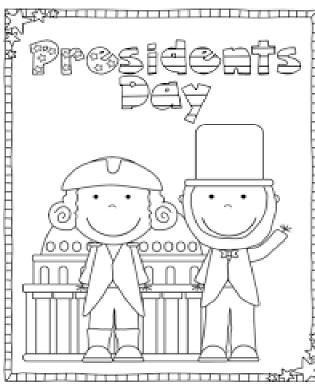
February has 28 days.



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Monday—Friday: 9:30 am to 1:30pm Christine Gould, Church Secretary

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