

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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**Love God, Follow Jesus,  
And Pass it On**

**Spirit Filled, Mission Driven**

**Holy Week Schedule can be found on page 2**



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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**

# What's New?



## MOVED TO HEAVEN

- Christopher T. Visker was called home on February 25, 2025,
- Nancy Ware was called home on February 3, 2025.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 13  
 Holy Thursday, April 17  
 Good Friday, April 18  
 Easter Sunday, April 20

McKownville UMC -Worship Service at 10:00 am  
 McKownville UMC—Worship Service at 7:30 pm  
 McKownville UMC—Worship Services at 7:30 pm  
 McKownville UMC—Worship Service at 10:00 am



## SUNDAY SHOOL



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. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane at: [kimkeane04@gmail.com](mailto:kimkeane04@gmail.com)

## COFFEE HOUR

We are having coffee hour in the back of the sanctuary once again. This is a great time to build fellowship and get to know one another on a more personal level. Currently coffee hour is being run by the different ministry teams at the church, but you can help! If you would like to contribute to coffee hour either by making coffee and tea or bringing food, please let Kelly Visker know and she can hook you up with the team of the month. You can reach Kelly either at church 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 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. If you have questions, please see Kelly Visker.



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

### *The Man on the Cross*

*God looked upon us, His work was not done,  
we needed a Savior; He sent us His Son.  
From a lowly manger, with His Father above,  
He offered us grace, forgiveness and love.  
To us He came, not to take, but to give,  
The Perfect Example of how we should live.*



*He preached and He taught us to trust in His Name,  
Yet He was rejected and sentenced to shame.  
His followers left Him, His friends had dispersed,  
Our Savior was ridiculed, beaten and cursed.  
Though tortured and bloodied, courageous He stood,  
And carried our sins with the weight of the wood.*

*Those who loved Him were burdened with gloom,  
But hearts were changed when they entered the tomb.  
He kept his promise, He did as He said,  
He freed us from sin as He rose from the dead.  
His presence is with us, to Him we pray,  
And His Spirit dwells in us, to guide us each day.*

*When our lives overwhelm us and we're flooded with doubt,  
And darkness surrounds us with no clear way out,  
Be strong in Faith, we're not at a loss,  
We've already been saved, by the **Man on the Cross.***

*Have a blessed Easter,  
Dom Perfetti*



## Healing Ministry



Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. The month of April is for Lent meditation and prayer. Every one who believes will pray and fast during Lent. Some families will eat fish until Easter. Everyone observes Lent in different ways to share their faith in Christ. In the New Testament, Chapter 9, is very familiar to all of you. A true biography of a non-believer, who hates those who believe Christ. He was Saul, later called, Apostle Paul." He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus. (Act 9:2). Saul was a threat to all the believers. He was in a high position within the Roman government, and he could arrest the believers. Saul began a persecution campaign against anyone who believed in Christ.

The high priest's letters may have helped him to seize the Christians who had fled; and, to prevent the spread of Christianity to other major cities. While he was travelling to Damascus, suddenly a light flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" (Act 9:4). Saul answered, "Who are you, Lord?" I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" He replied. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do (Act 9:4-9).

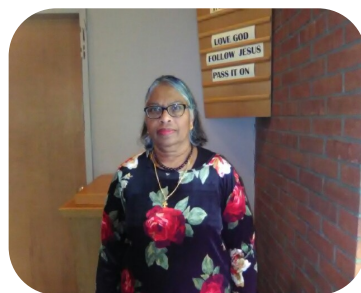
### Acts 9:11-12

*11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."*

Saul obeyed the command of our Lord and he did as he was told. In Act 9:9, it says, "For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything." He may have asked forgiveness from the Lord Jesus. The Lord told a man named Ananias, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man named Saul for he is praying." Once upon a time, Saul did everything against of our Lord. Now he was confessing his mistakes and asking for forgiveness from our Lord. But Saul never knew that our Lord had a special plan for him in his ministry.

Apostle Paul was a chosen instrument by our Lord. In Act 9:11-15, it says, A man named, Ananias, was asked by our Lord to meet Saul. Ananias obeyed the Lord and agreed to meet Saul and he laid his hand on him and prayed immediately. Saul received healing from his blindness and was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Ananias' action of the prayer for the enemy is the model for Lent. After Saul converted he got his new name, Paul. He left his high position, maybe even his home and wealth. It was not an easy life for him. All his letters can be read about his persecution of stoned and prisoned. Our Lord was with him and encouraged him to go forward to do his ministry.

During the Lent days our personal check list may help us to delete from our life, which our Lord is not likes, and help those who need our help. If we can find the way to say a few words of compassion to the broken hearted for their healing. Let us take a moment and focus the Crucified Lord Jesus, he suffered on behalf us. The suffering of Christ was paid as a fee for our mistakes to receive the eternal life. Let us pray, "The most loving Lord Jesus Christ, we come to your presence, bow down ourselves and surrender all on your nailed feet. Forgive us, fill us by your holy spirit, strengthen us, and give us joy, and peace. Make us an instrument for your gospel to share your love to all around us. In your precious name we pray. Amen.



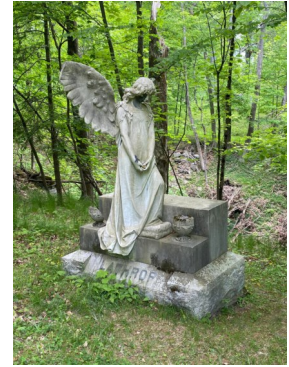
Olive Ezekiel  
Minister For Healing



## **McKownville Methodist Pastors Buried in Albany Rural Cemetery**

Albany Rural Cemetery was founded on April 2, 1841. For more on it, see <https://albanyruralcemetery.org/>.

These pastors buried in that cemetery had each been appointed to the **Guilderland charge**, of which its **1866 mission church on the east at McKownville** was part. This area was then part of *Troy Conference*, of which the NYS portions merged in 2010 into what became *Upper New York Conference*.



### **3. Benjamin F. Livingston, 1869 -1871 appt. yrs. Guilderland**



[April 23, 1832 - April 23, 1914; Born in Crown Point, NY, he entered *Vermont Conference* relationship in 1861 after being licensed to preach in 1860. He later transferred to Troy Conference in 1869. He took the burdens of his people so much to heart that he needed to retire earlier than most from the active ministry, becoming supernumerary in 1891. With his wife and sons, Brother Livingston settled in Johnstown, NY where he was the pastor's helper, Sunday school teacher, and occasional preacher for "brothers who needed him." He died on his eighty-second birthday.] See his grave, etc. at

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/188122760/benjamin-f-livingston>.

### **16. Garrett Harmon LaGrange, 1893 -1895 Guilderland**

[June 18, 1857 in Albany, NY - Feb. 15, 1932 in Fort Ann, NY; Garrett LaGrange married February 2, 1882 Miss Anna M. Bradt of Watervliet and celebrated their fiftieth anniversary just days before his death. After joining Troy Conference in 1886, "He pointed sinners to Calvary and believers to Pentecost."

See his grave, etc. at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/204531602/garrett-hammond-lagrange>.

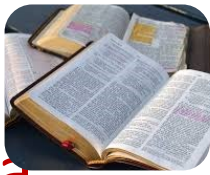


### **17. Isaac C. Fenton, 1895 -1897 Guilderland**



[July 29, 1823 - April 11, 1900; Educated in Broadalbin, Fenton was first a teacher. His older brother Asa was also a member of Troy Conference and his older sister Deborah married a clergyman. Isaac went to Virginia for his wife's health and became there a class leader and was licensed to preach. He returned and was admitted to Troy Conference in 1856. After serving at Guilderland, Fenton took a supernumerary relation in 1897 but then supplied the church at Rotterdam Junction until his death.] See more details at

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/210858343/isaac-c-fenton>.



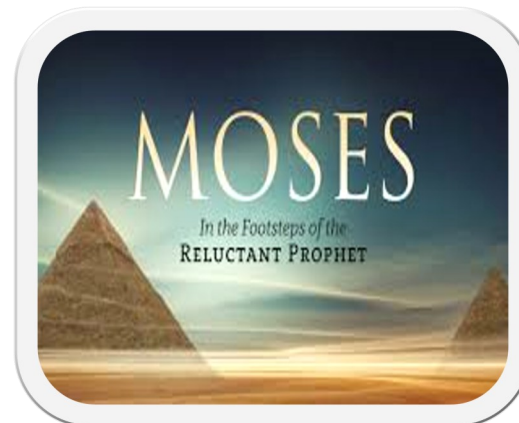
# Adult Forum



**Sessions Held: Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm**

After the current Adult Forum study concludes March 24 (Max Lucado on *More to Your Story: Discover Your Place in God's Plan*), the **next study will be by Adam Hamilton on *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet***.

(The small group Faith Journey earlier used this study on Moses in a different format.)



**The six sessions will be:**

March 31, 2025

1. **The Birth of Moses** – Exodus 1:17

April 7, 2025

2. **Two Moments that Defined the Man** - Exodus 2:11-12, 3:11

April 14, 2025

3. **The Exodus** - Exodus 4:19-20, 6:1

April 21, 2025 (day after Easter)

4. **The Ten Commandments** – Exodus 19:3b-6a, 20:1-17

April 28, 2025

5. **Lessons from the Wilderness** – Numbers 14:2-4

May 5, 2025

6. **Don't Forget - Pass It On** - Deuteronomy 6:4-7, 20-21 & 8:12-14, 17-18

**To join, come at 7:00 P.M. (non-holiday) Mondays to the Adult Forum room along the hall.**

# MISSION AND OUTREACH CORNER

Do all the good you can, by all means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

## *Conference Mission Opportunities*

### *Operation: Home Repair – Now Accepting Volunteers*

Operation: Home Repair 2025 - Volunteer Call

July 7-13, 2025 | Schoharie County, NY

Help address critical home repair needs in Schoharie County and surrounding areas. Join Mosaic United Methodist Cooperative Ministry's third annual community service week.

We welcome volunteers:

- Any skill level - from beginners to experienced
- Flexible scheduling – volunteer one day to full week
- Out-of-town housing available
- All tools and training provided

**Volunteer Application:** <https://bit.ly/4aLBPhM> **Questions:** Cobleskill UMC (518-234-3671) | **Photos/Info:** [www.schoharieregionumc.org](http://www.schoharieregionumc.org)



### *Mission Team Opening: Volunteers in Mission Team to Hardwick, Vermont May 18-24, 2025*

Join a team that will journey to Hartwick, Vermont to help the community recover from devastating floods. The all-volunteer team includes skilled, semi-skilled, and new-to-rebuilding individuals eager to learn. The week includes overnights in a church or community center.

Come to learn. Come to share your skills. Come to share the light of Christ.

**When:** May 18-24, 2025

**Where:** Hartwick, VT

**Cost:** \$300/person (food, building materials, insurance, host costs)

**Contact:** Mike Block (315) 491-0497 or [mrb2065@gmail.com](mailto:mrb2065@gmail.com)



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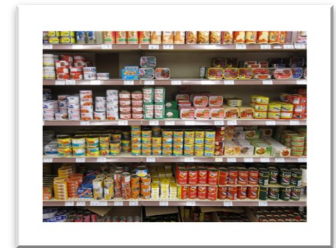
Do all the good you can, by all means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

## ***Local Mission Opportunities***

### ***All items can be left in the mission corner in the back of the sanctuary***

#### Food Donations to the Guilderland Food Pantry

canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, boxed potatoes,  
And mayonnaise (small jars)



#### Magazine Donations to Albany Medical Center

Magazines are for patients entertainment and enjoyment while in the hospital.



#### Prayer blankets, shawls, scarves, etc.

Given to people who need comfort, love and prayer, to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care.





## **EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS**

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

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!**

**Deadline is Sunday, April 13, 2025**



Cost: \$14.00

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

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

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

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

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

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# **LENTEN FISH FRY!!**

## **DINE IN OR TAKE OUT**

***Date: Friday, April 11, 2025***

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

***Cost: Full Dinner - \$15.00***

***Fish Fry Only - \$10.00***

***Kids Portion - \$8.00***



***McKownville United Methodist Church***

***1565 Western Avenue***

***Albany, NY 12203***

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

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

# Take Out Only Dinner

**Brooks Chicken BBQ**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
**2:00 PM Until Sold Out**

## Complete Dinner Includes:

Half Chicken  
Baked Potato  
Coleslaw  
Dinner Roll

## Payments Accepted:

Cash  
Check  
Credit Card  
Debit Card

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

**McKownville United Methodist Church**

**1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY**

**Phone Number: 516-456-1148**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXKRPzww01A>

***7:00 PM, Thursday, May 1***

**McKownville United Methodist Church  
1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY**

***LOST RADIO ROUNDERS***

**Present a concert of Spirituals, Folk Hymns, and  
Gospel Blues!**

***ADMISSION IS FREE!!***

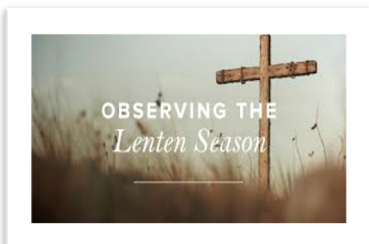
**Donations accepted to benefit:  
Family Promise of the Capital Region**



This works like the reverse of an advent calendar. Each day during the 40 days of Lent (remember no Sundays! Those are the days you donate) gather from your pantry or add to your grocery list the suggested items in the below calendar. Instead of getting something each day like on an advent calendar, you GIVE something each day. At the end of the week, bring your donations to church. At the end of the collection the items will be blessed and then donated to the Guilderland Food Pantry. Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, starts Lent and should be the first day of your donations.

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

**Worship Services**



Ash Wednesday	March 5, 2025
First Sunday of Lent	March 9, 2025
Palm Sunday	April 13, 2025
Holy Thursday	April 17, 2025
Good Friday	April 18, 2025
Easter Sunday	April 20, 2025

**John U. Miller Memorial Crop Walk**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**



***This event will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2025***

***The location this year will be St. Vincent DePaul Church in Albany, NY***

***No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.***

***Those who would like to walk or support Frank D'Ambrosio, please contact him by email at: [madambro12@aol.com](mailto:madambro12@aol.com) or cell phone at: 518-441-3376.***

***To donate on line go to: <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny>***

***Because of the suspension of federal funding for humanitarian purposes, it is more important than ever for all of us to help as much as possible to relieve food insecurity at home and abroad.***

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For many years, I have written statistical articles about the scope and value of the CROP Walks in general and the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Walk in particular, so I decided to make this article more personal. I wanted to put the faces of people, local people, behind the numbers. To begin with, however, it's worth understanding why I have walked in nearly 40 of the 44 walks held in Albany.

In January, 1962, I left college for what I thought was the last time. I had a few dollars in my pocket, but no job and no place to really call home. I managed to find a cheap apartment in a really bad part of Albany and a job as a dishwasher at a local businessman's club. For four months, I missed meals because I had no money for food. If it wasn't for the help of older college friends who were married and had an apartment within walking distance, I may not have survived that winter. In May, 1962, I decided to return to Yonkers (where I had attended high school). I found a job as a bank teller and a room (which was only a place to sleep—no food allowed). I had to eat all my meals out, which on a salary of \$55.00 a week before taxes, was difficult. Again, I had to skip meals in order to have money for other meals. Until November, 1964, my life as basi-

They also introduced me to a true, Christian church community. They literally “rebuilt” me after helping me get rid of excess baggage from the first 20 years of my life. I went to night school full time (took five courses) and worked two part-time day jobs. With my new family’s help, I was successful in class, experienced my first call to pastoral ministry, and was elected president of the Protestant Christian Fellowship in October, 1965. Most importantly, I met the woman who was to become my wife/partner/rock. With her support I have served in leadership roles and servant roles from that day to this. Her love and support still encourage me even though she returned to be with the Lord 13 years ago.

The point of this recounting is to give personal testimony to the difference a helping hand can make. How much of a difference? The 2024 Albany CROP Walk (one of 550 in the nation) raised a total of \$102,616.00. Of this amount, 25% or \$25,654.00 was distributed among the 25 local food pantries and one soup kitchen. The remaining 75% was reaching out to “the least, the last, and the lost.”

The soup kitchen was established in 1976. At that time, it served 75—100 meals every Saturday. Forty nine years later, they serve 325—400 meals! In addition to food, people, especially refugees, get clothing, foot gear, personal care items, and whatever else has been donated to the soup kitchen. Many of the people who have benefitted from this program have “paid it forward” by helping with set up, the food preparation, serving, and clean up.

The Altamont Food Pantry started in 1988. In the beginning, it “only served a few families when the need arose.” Now, it serves 15—30 families or 55 individuals each time it is opened, which is twice a month. The coordinator shared two inspiring examples of how much a difference even this modest program can make. The first story is about a single mother with two children who escaped an abusive situation. She changed her last name, started her own (successful) business, and is doing great. She is “paying it forward” by helping at the Regional Food Bank’s Land Farm.

In the other story, a family of five (2 parents and 3 children) were struggling to get by even though both parents were working. They were eventually able to buy their own home and live independently.

The point of this testimony and the success stories is that everything helps! We can all make a difference as , walkers, recruiters, volunteers, and even full-time professionals. Whether we give \$1.00 or \$10,000.00 it all makes a difference. Now, more than ever, everyone must step up. There is a saying, “No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

May it be so. AMEM!!

Prepared by,  
Frank M. D’Ambrosio



## **Summer is Coming!** **Looking for Something Fun to do this Summer?**

How about going to Skye Farm Camp in the Adirondacks for a week? 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 eat smores. However, what makes the Skye Farm experience unique is that it is a United Methodist Christian camp. This means campers 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 Skye Farm camps and programs, visit the Skye Farm Camp web page at: <https://skryfallcamp.org/> where there is also information about schedules, registration, costs, directions, and contact info. Camper scholarships are also available from McKownville UMC and Skye Farm. For an application, contact the church office or Pastor Jeff. Have more questions? Contact Paul Krekeler at 518-456-6785.













# APRIL 2025



		<p><b>1</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>2</b> <b>Faith Journey</b> <b>6:30pm-8:00pm</b></p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b></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>4</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>5</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.) NA ABCD Board Meeting</p> <p>10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b></p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Cub S9outs 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>8</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> <b>5:30 pm—6:30</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b></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>11</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>12</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p> 
<p><b>13</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b></p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>14</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>15</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> <b>7:00 pm—8:00 pm</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Sewing Guild (GSG)</b> <b>1:00 pm—3:00 pm</b></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>18</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>19</b> AA 18tings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)</p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b></p> <p><b>Trustees Team</b> <b>after worship service</b></p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p> 	<p><b>21</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>22</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> <b>7:00 pm—8:00 pm</b></p> <p>AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Outreach Team</b> <b>7:00 pm—8:00 pm</b></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>25</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA)</p> <p><b>Women Together</b> <b>1:00 pm—3:00 pm</b></p> <p>5:30 pm—6:30 pm</p> <p>NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)</p>
<p><b>27</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b></p> <p>GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm</p> <p><b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>29</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>30</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm</p> <p>GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm</p>			



## APRIL DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Henry Walter</i>
<i>April 13</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Tom Myers</i>
<i>April 17 (Maundy Thursday)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Kim Keane</i>
<i>April 18 (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Todd Nemec</i>
<i>April 20 (Easter Sunday)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Monte Waters</i>
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Cathy Wells</i>

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**

**ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**



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2	Chris & Noreen VanDoren
20	Paul & Barb Cullen



**APRIL**  
**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



## **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.

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!

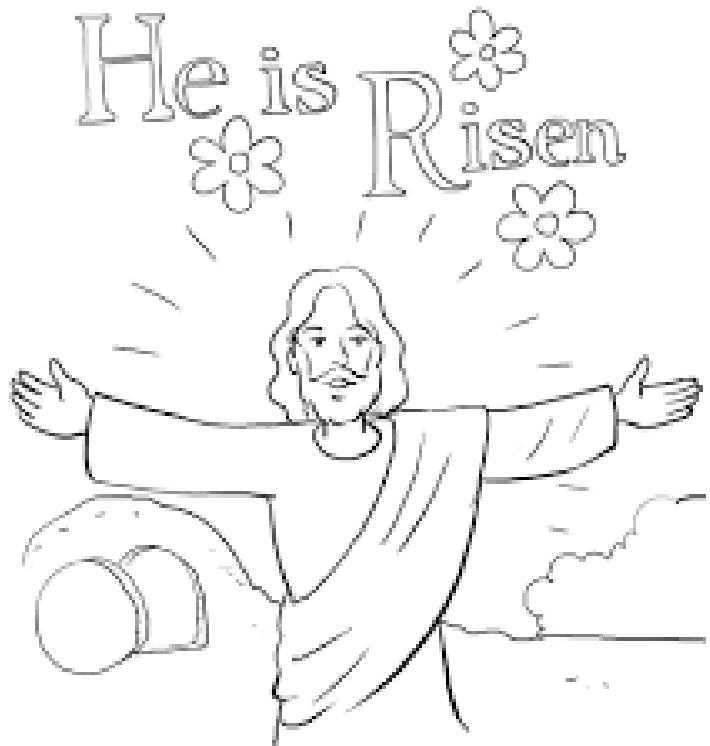
**Step 4:** Once you are on our Facebook page, scroll down and click on the most recent video on the page. (see orange arrow)

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

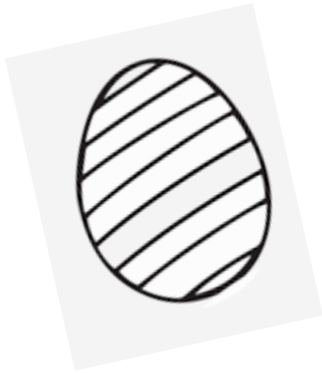


**Step 5:** Enjoy the Worship service.

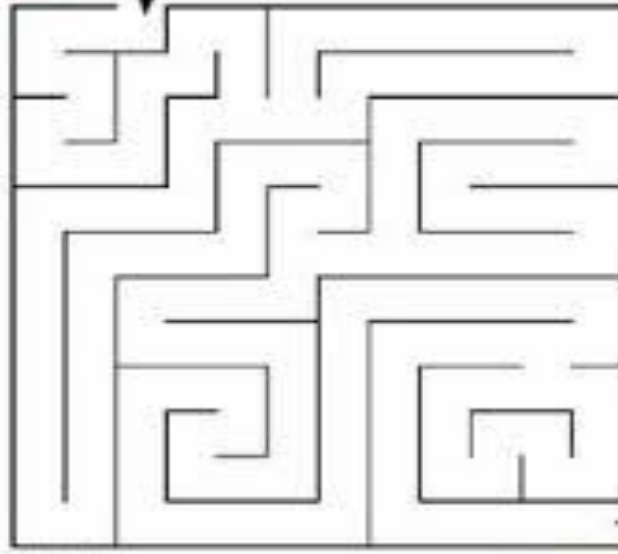
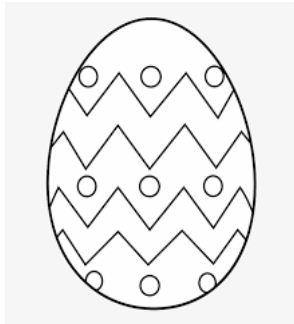
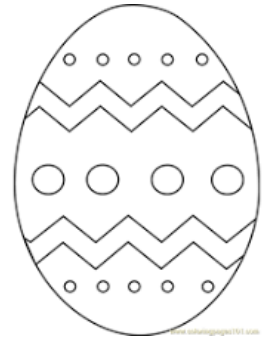
**ACTIVITY PAGE**



# ACTIVITY PAGE



Happy Easter!



It's Easter Day and the baby chick just hatched from her egg. Help her take her first steps and find her way through the chicken coop.



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