

MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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

Spirit Filled, Mission Driven

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Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

Look inside for interesting articles, church news and updates, youth events, mission opportunities, fun activities and more!

“As United Methodist Christians, we are called to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Our Church Values

****Christ Centered; Our thoughts and actions are centered on God, Christ and the Holy Spirit.***

****Love; We love our neighbors as ourselves.***

****Integrity; We live to be thankful to God through our actions matching our values.***

What's New?

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.

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

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.)



WORSHIP IN THE PARK



Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 10:00 am at Tawasentha Park. Picnic to follow. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. Chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Iced tea and lemonade will be available. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided—but people are encouraged to bring their own to save resources if they are able.

MOVED TO HEAVEN

Vera Lund was called home on April 9, 2025.
Sandy Smith was called home on May 20, 2025.





From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

Because He Knows

Years ago, (yes, now that I think about it many years ago!), while attending a training class, six people holding cards numbered 1 through 6 were standing in front of the room. They could see the cards, our class could not. Our job was to find a way to put the card holders in order from left to right, in order from 1 to 6. *Hmm, how do we go about this?* It seemed like quite a puzzle. We all put our heads together and thought if we started to attempt putting them in order and asked if we were right, through data collection and the process of elimination we would have them in the right order in no time!

Well, there's was a much simpler solution that we discovered before we launched into writing the world's best algorithm. All we had to do was ask the participants what number they were holding!! They had the answers in their hands; all we had to do was ask what number they were holding and put them in the right order. *A one-minute exercise!!*

God knows
when to send you
exactly what
you need.

We can often make things much more complex than they need to be, and many times we burden ourselves and avoid asking for the help that we so desperately need. Remembering to pause and take a minute to call on Jesus for help can make all the difference in the world when we're faced with a difficult situation. *How often do we get ourselves tied up in knots and then ask the Lord to unravel the mess we made for ourselves?* Unfortunately, I think we can all agree it happens far too often.

Jesus already knows what we need. He knows what's in our hearts and knows our deepest desires. He tells us to "Ask and we shall receive." We know that His answer is not always what we envision for our immediate wants, but we do know that He knows what is best for us at all times, is always listening, and will never send us in a direction away from Him.

When we come to the various crossroads in our lives and find ourselves getting twisted and overwhelmed, let's remember to first call on the Lord, He already knows the answer **because He knows us**. Regardless of whether the outcome is what we feel it should be, we can rest peacefully knowing that Jesus is in charge, knows what's best, and will never lead us astray.

Dear Lord we pray – *As we navigate through the many twists and turns in our lives, please help us to always, in every situation, call on You first. Our complete reliance on You will always bring us to the outcome that follows Your Will. We know in our world of turmoil, there is always peace when we place our thoughts, hearts, minds and all our decisions in your loving Hands.*

Have a wonderful summer season,



Ida Manville Family and the Methodist Church in McKownville

Ida Strobe – who lived on the “road opposite church” [probably Church Road] became a member September 4, 1887 of the Methodist Class No. 1 in McKownville under A. C. Abrams. She had been received via transfer in 1887 by Rev. J. C. Fisher. Ida’s mother Mrs. A. Strobe joined the class later. There was also a Class No. 2 & a Class No. 3 under other Methodist leaders meeting in McKownville (in addition to classes meeting elsewhere).

Ida **started as organist** of the McKownville Methodist Episcopal Church **in 1890**. On October 17, **1894** *Ida May Strobe* (born in Guilderland) was **married** at age 23/24 by minister G. H. LaGrange to **George A. Manville** (born in North Greenbush), age 25, who had joined the McKownville church that year. G. A. was a dairyman, first running his own local dairy and later joining W. B. Mynderse at Boulevard Dairy on Northern Boulevard.



Guilderland Historical Society files

George and Ida Manville bought this circa 1890 Queen Anne-style house at *1438 Western Avenue* in 1900. Their **son A. Earl** Manville was baptized August 12, 1900. Their **daughters Mary Jeanette** born April 3, 1902 **and Sarah Helen** Manville born September 18, 1908 were baptized at the McKownville church on June 16, 1912 by Rev. H. S. Metcalfe. Geo. & Ida were listed near that time as at *R.F.D. #1, Albany, NY*. The photo shows the house about 1916 with probably the two Manville daughters Helen and Jeanette Manville in front. This Western Avenue house was sold in 1920 to another family. [For more on the building, see <https://mckownville.org/images/houses/HuckFinnHouse-s.html>.]

George, Ida, & Helen Manville then lived at 2 Arcadia Avenue.





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Ida continued playing organ until 1946, 65 years of playing! This 1941 newspaper article celebrated Ida (age 69) as one of two living *charter members of the 75-year old church at McKownville* (formed in 1866 by the Guilderland M.E. church as its 2nd mission church). In a thank you letter to the Official Board meeting March 28th 1946, Ida Manville noted it was a pleasure to play the organ through thick and thin for 65 years. Ida died August 3, 1964 at age 92.

George & Ida's daughter **Helen Manville** continued after them as a member at McKownville and was a school teacher. She was received as a member April 5, 1925 by confession of faith. Helen is the smiling woman in front in the polka dot dress in this 1990 picture of a *United Methodist Women meeting* upstairs in the church.

Helen Manville's membership was transferred January 2000 to Brewerton UMC in Brewerton, NY, where Helen died January 21, 2003, age 94.





Adult Forum

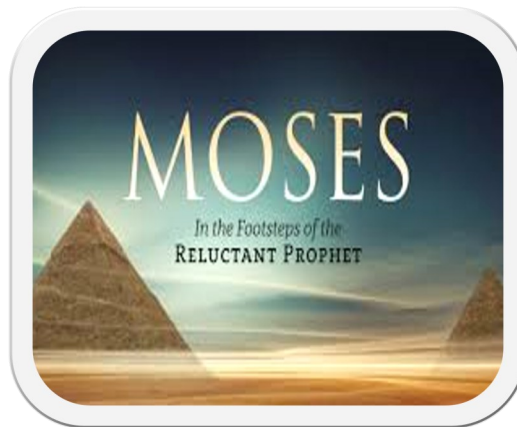


Sessions Held: Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm

This is the last session of Adult Forum before next fall.

June 2—The Ministry of Jesus—includes: In the wilderness Jesus was tempted by physical food above God's words, physical safety, dominion over the world with worship of less than God. Are these temptations in today's world?

In Galilee, the bread basket, Jesus told a parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). Why were there all those men waiting in the marketplace for work?



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



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 corcl 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://skyefarmcamp.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.



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



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



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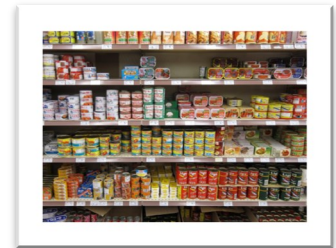
Do all the good you can, by all means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

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.





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<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	2 Cub S9outs 6:15 pm—8:15 pm Adult Forum 7:00 pm	3 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	4 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Living Resources 12:00—2:00 GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	5 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	6 The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	7 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)
8 Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	9 Cub S9outs 6:15 pm—8:15 pm	10 Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm Finance Team 5:30 pm—6:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm	11 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Living Resources 12:00—2:00 GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	12 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	13 The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	14 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.) 
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22 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook Trustees Team after worship service GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	23 Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm	2 Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm Al-Anon 12:00 noon—1:00 pm AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm—9:30 pm	26 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Living Resources 12:00—2:00 GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm	22 Top of the Hill 10:00 am—11:30 am Outreach Team 7:00 pm—8:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	23 The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30-6:30 Women Together 1:00 pm—3:00 pm NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	24 AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate meetings take place in the morning)
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JUNE DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
<i>June 1</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Todd Nemec</i>
<i>June 8 (In the Park)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Christy Beauregard</i>
<i>June 15 (Father's Day)</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Nan Pullen</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Pat Beauregard</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Chris Spencer</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) 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.



JUNE **ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS**



JUNE **ANNIVERSARIES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u>
10	Christopher & Amy DeVall
11	Stephen H. & Nancy Clarke
29	Mark & Darlene Staats

JUNE **BIRTHDAYS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</u>
4	Cathy Wells
8	Mikayla Keane
10	Riley H. Meharry
12	Paul Krekeler
23	Helen Knight
24	Kelly Visker
27	George Janeczko
28	Amy DeVall
30	Matthew O'Brien



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>

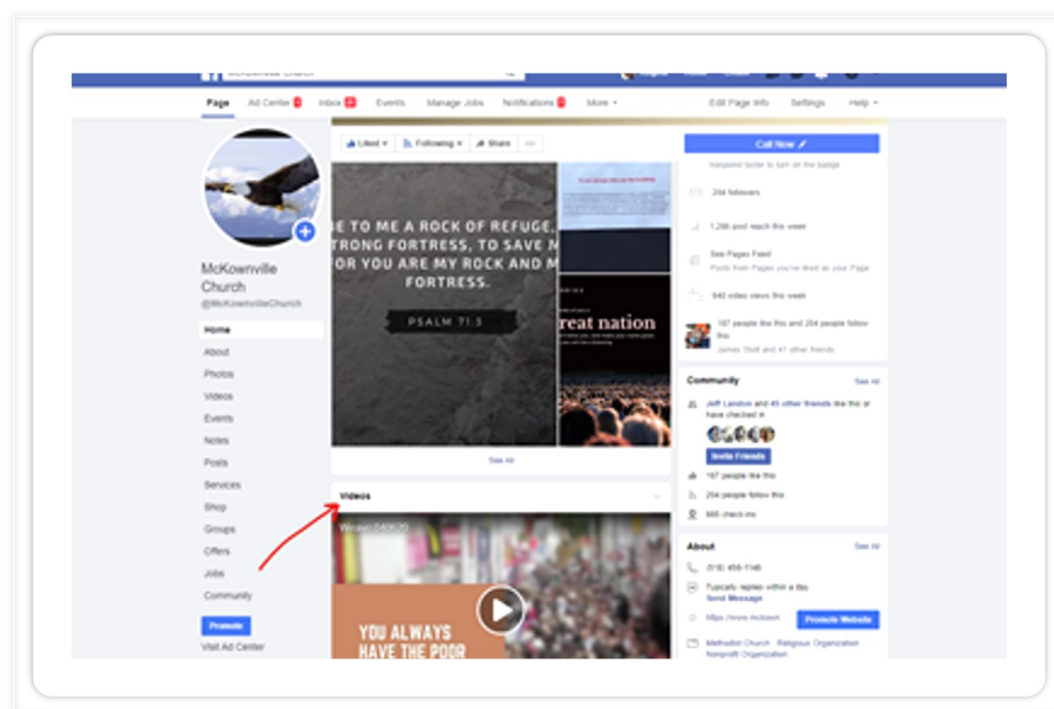
Step 2: On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:

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)

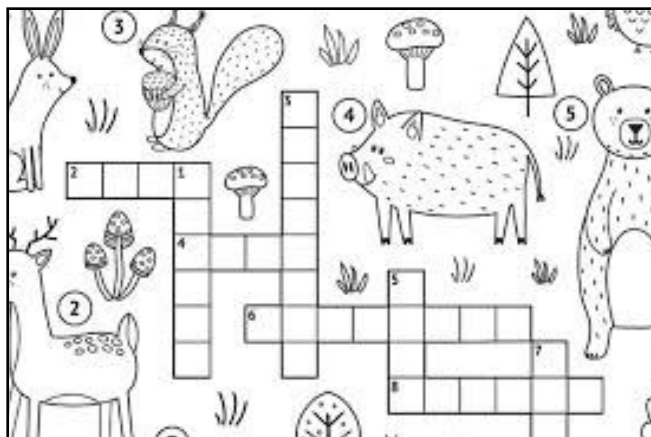
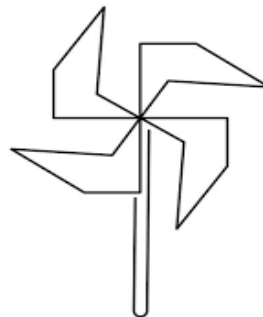
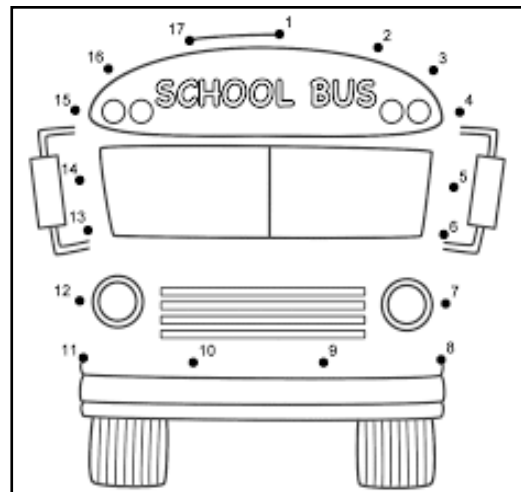
****Please note: You do not need to log in or create an account to view the live steam.**



Step 5: Enjoy the Worship service.



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Office Hours:
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Christine Gould, Church Secretary

Ministry and Team Leaders of the McKownville United Methodist Church

Board of Trustees:

<u>Chair & Sexton Liaison:</u>	James Stott
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<u>Grounds & Planned Maintenance:</u>	Tom Myers
<u>Insurance:</u>	Nancy Pullen
<u>Furniture:</u>	Kelly Visker

Ministry Teams:

Leadership Council: Paul Krekeler, Team Leader

Staff/Parish Relations: Pat Beauregard, Frank
D'Ambrosio, Alan Longshore, Monte Waters, Beth
Spencer, Cathy Wells and Nancy Rutenber

Finance: Team Leader—To Be Determined
Treasurer & Payroll: Tim Pierce
Finance Secretary: Tom Myers

Worship: Jeff Landon, Team Leader

Evangelism through Outreach: Darcianne Leizer,
Team Leader

Christian Education: Kim Keane, Team Leader

Memorials & Gifts: Nancy Pullen, Team Leader
Senior Ministries: Darcianne Leizer, Team Leader