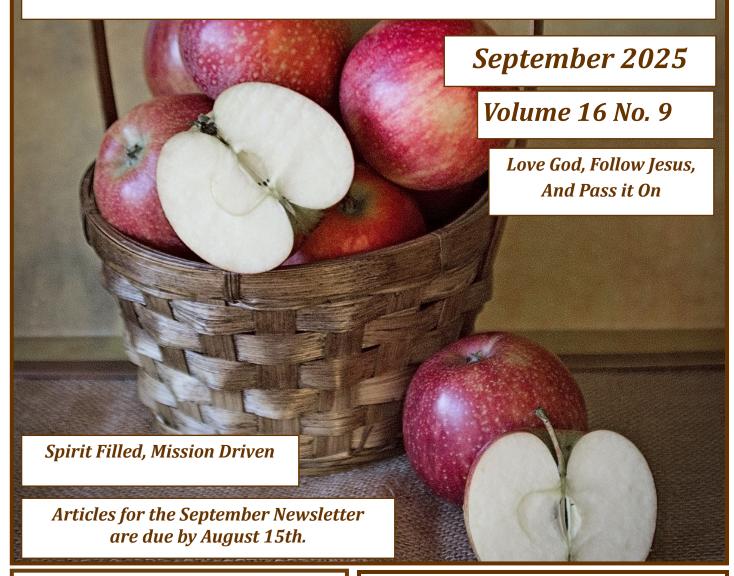
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Newcomers and Visitors: WELCOME!

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?

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Welcome Back Sunday, also known as <u>National Back to Church Sunday</u>, is a day when churches encourage their members to invite friends and family back to church after the summer break. It's a chance to reconnect with the church community, welcome new visitors, and highlight the benefits of faith and fellowship. As a part of our welcome back to Church Sunday, we will be hosting a luncheon immediately following the service. We would like to



encourage people to come and invite your friends and neighbors to join us in reconnecting after a long summer. Deli sandwiches and salads will be provided. If anyone would like to bring a dessert to share, please feel free. Welcome back Sunday will be Sunday, September 21st. Join us for a spirit-filled service and a fellowship building feast. *There is no cost for this event.!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school will resume on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Our first unit is titled "Back to School". We will continue a hands-on learning approach and continue our service monthly by baking/making snacks for the coffee hour. 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



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

Volunteers Needed!



We will be hosting our annual fall Brooks barbeque fundraiser on Saturday, September 27tth from 2:00 to 6:00. All dinners include a ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and dinner roll. Dinners will cost \$15.00. ½ chicken only will also be available for \$12.00. We will need volunteers for this event. Timeslots are 2 or 4 hours and there are a variety of positions available. Please arrive 15 minutes before your time slot to ensure a smooth transition between shifts.

Jobs include:

Assembly: Putting the food into containers, bagging them and adding utensils. (Sanctuary)

Delivery: Retrieving tickets and delivering the food to the customer. (West vestibule)

Cashier: Distributing the tickets when food is ordered and providing any change for cash sales.

(This position is done while seated and does not require any standing or walking)

Sellers, cash and credit: Sell dinners to customers and take payment. Cash goes to cashiers.

Traffic control: Directing cars to either the cash or credit line and helping with traffic flow for pickup and exit.

<u>Set up:</u> Help set up the cones in the parking lot, tables in west vestibule and sanctuary and traffic signs

<u>Money manager:</u> Receives money throughout the day and is responsible for accounting for all sales. (This is a seated position and does not require any standing or walking)

Signs: Holding signs by the road encouraging people to come to the BBQ.

<u>Clean-up:</u> Help pick up the cones, signs and tents and return to the church. Clean tables and other cleanup tasks.

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you all so much for helping with this important event!

Any questions please contact Kelly Visker or Ashley Weil.



Farewell to Emma Herendeen July 20, 2025



Emma and Charles Herendeen joined McKownville Methodist Church Christmas of 1964 and were active members. Charlie died December 28, 2011. The congregation said farewell July 20 before Emma leaves our community to join her daughter, Ann, in Sykesville, Maryland. In the worship service an Order of Farewell to Church Members preceded the benediction. A reception followed.



Emma and Charles Herendeen in 1990.











Thank you for your time with

BROOKS BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

McKownville United Methodist Church 1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY Phone: 518-456-1148

Email: mckownumc@verizon.net



TAKE OUT DINNER OLY!!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 2:00 PM UNTIL SOLD OUT!

Prices:

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

Payments Accepted:

Cash, Check, Credit Card & Debit Card

Complete Dinner Includes:

Half Chicken

Baked Potato

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER!!

SPREAD THE NEWS!

- THE PUMPKINS WILL ARRIVE AT THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 25TH, AROUND 4:00 PM!
- PUMPKINS WILL BE FOR SALE DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

DAILY HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:

Cash Check Credit Card Debit Card

When you buy your pumpkins from McKownville United Methodist Church, you are supporting our fund for mission trips as well as the Navajo farmers out west who grow them and the independent truck drivers who deliver them.



Thank you for helping us change the world one pumpkin at a time!!

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From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

There When You Need It...



Stretching our muscles and keeping them tone is essential to our health at any age, especially as we grow older. Maintaining a healthy body helps ward off injuries and keeps us mobile. We may not think of this too often in our younger years, but as the decades pass and the "creakiness" begins to set in, it's something we really need to think about, and more importantly, do something about!

A few weeks ago I had an interesting conversation with a Sports Exercise professional. After showing me a number of different stretches for range and mobility, he made a comment that stuck with me. "If you take the time to do these exercises now, you'll have the strength and range when you need it." Interesting!

As I listened, I couldn't help but draw the parallel to our spiritual lives. Do we keep our "spiritual muscles" tone? Are we exercising them on a regular basis?? Do we put our Faith into practice often enough to build the strength we need to weather the unexpected storms that come our way?

Stretching our muscles for maximum range and mobility is an ongoing process, yet consistent attention and work will result in significant progress over time. The same can be said for strengthening our "spiritual muscles." Our ongoing walk with the Lord is similar to the physical "upkeep" we need for our bodies. Immersing ourselves in the God inspired words of the Bible and seeking a deeper understanding of the example Jesus set for us will grow our Faith and understanding of Him and continually strengthen us to be prepared for anything that comes our way.

Jesus is always there for us. Let's be sure to exercise our spiritual muscles often so we can always stand strong in His Name.

Dear Lord we pray – As we continue our journey with You, we pray that You help us take the time to grow and strengthen our relationship with You. We know that you are always there for us when we need You. We pray for the strength to consistently share Your love with others as often as possible.

Have a blessed start for the fall season, Dom Perfetti



MIRACLE HEALING

Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. Everyday someone will set some time aside for their personal prayers. Before and after prayers some will trust that the Lord Jesus Christ will answer their prayers while others will have doubts. But the Lord Jesus Christ said, "My father is always at work to this very day and I too am working" (John 5:17). From this scripture, we can understand that God is working all the time without a break. When we pray, our prayers express our petitions to God. Prayer is spiritual communication with God.

The disciples would pray at 9:00 am, 3:00 pm, and also after sunset. The scripture says that one afternoon the disciples went to pray around 3:00 pm. While they were praying some people were carrying a man who was crippled from birth to the beautiful gate. The beautiful gate was Solomon's Colonnade. Per the scripture, the crippled man had weakness in his feet and ankles and was unable to walk or work. The crippled man just sat near the temple asking for money from the people who went to the temple.



While Peter and John were walking near this crippled man he had asked them for money. This man didn't know that within a moment his life was going to change. Peter looked straight at him and then said, "Look at us." (Act 3:4). So the crippled man looked at them and was expecting something from them. (Act 3:5-11). Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up and instantly the man's feet and ankle s became strong. He jumped to his feet and began walking, jumping, and praising God."

The amazing power of healing touched the crippled man through Peter. The crippled man expected just one day of help, but he got something much better than money. He got permanent healing and was able to walk and work again. His entire life was changed! Let us read again what Peter said to the crippled man, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth Walk." Immediately, the healing power came from the Lord and the crippled man displayed the healing mercy and grace of Jesus Christ. From now on no need to beg for help or money. No more worries.



I remember one of my best teachers in my high school say to the students, "Give him all your tears
Give him all your failures
Give him all your failures
that weigh you down and
your questions for tomorrows.
Cause the cases for you
More than anybody else
Jesus cares for you
He will stand by you
More than anybody

Let us Pray:

Jesus cares for you."

"Lord, we are offering our sincere prayers for the children and adults who are crippled and have no strength in their feet or ankles to walk. Please Jesus Christ of Nazareth, have mercy and grace over them. Touch them and give them whole total healing. Lift them in your right hand and make them walk in life forever and forever. Amen. We thank you and praise you in your name, Amen."



Olive Ezekel Minister for Healing



Adult Forum



Adult Forum's scheduled plan for the September 2025 - May 2026 season is attached. Come at 7:00 p.m. most Monday evenings for some or all.

Adult Forum starts again on Monday evening, September 15th with a series of video studies on Adam Hamilton's **Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.** These explore what is in the Bible, how to read it, and discusses some confusing and controversial teachings.

The six sessions are: Making Sense of the Old Testament; Making Sense of the New Testament, Questions about the Nature of Scripture; The Bible and Science; Violence, Suffering and Other Troubling Issues; & Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships.

See the following sheet for more information.

If you have questions contact Nancy Rutenber or Kim Keane.

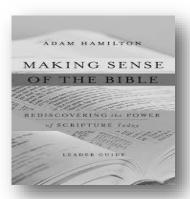
<u>Planned fall 2025 – spring 2026 Adult Forum schedule (Monday evenings)</u>

(September 1, 2025, Labor Day)

September 15, 2025 – Adam's Hamilton's **Making Sense of the Bible** – session 1. Making Sense of the Old Testament

September 22 – Making Sense of the Bible – 2. Making Sense of the New Testament

September 29 – Making Sense of the Bible – 3. Questions about the Nature of Scripture



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

Conference Mission Opportunities

Operation: Home Repair – Now Accepting Volunteers

to experienced Flexible scheduling – volunteer one day to full week Out-of-town housing available All tools and training provided Might??

Volunteer Application: https://bit.ly/4aLBPhM Questions: Cobleskill UMC

(518-234-3671) | Photos/Info: www.schoharieregionumc.org



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,

Mayonnaise (small jars)



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Local Mission Opportunities

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.







SEPTEMBER DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	WORSHIP LEADERS
September 7	Persons Needed	Nancy Rhodes
September 14	Persons Needed	Pat Beauregard
September 21	Persons Needed	Kelly Visker
September 28	Persons Needed	Chris Spencer

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

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

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 ke+pt 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.



<u>SEPTEMBER</u> <u>ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS</u>



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19	Eugene & Lucy Gee
27	Paul & Patti Krekeler

<u>SEPTEMBER</u> <u>BIRTHDAYS</u>

2	Pasquale Colicchio
9	Diane Willey
13	Chris Steffens
18	Emma Herendeen
21	Dexter Wells
24	Pastor Jeff Landon
25	Darlene Staats
25	Stephen Clarke
27	Mary Neitzel
29	Janet Chilelli





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.



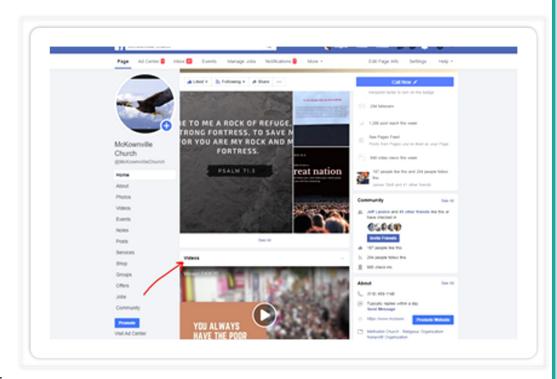
We will continue to broadcast worship live on Facebook for you to participate from the comfort and safety of your own home. Follow these instructions for watching worship — even if you do not have a Facebook account! Facebook will keep the recording of the livestream posted so that you can watch anytime 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).

<u>INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FIND</u> 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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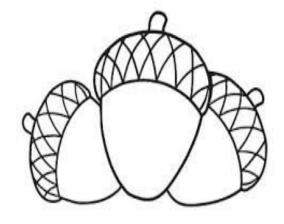
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Make Your Own Pumpkin



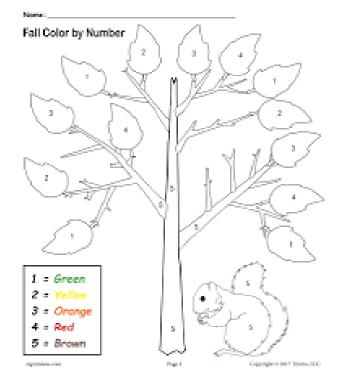


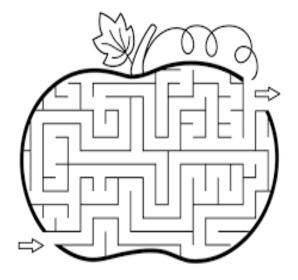


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