

# MCKOWNVILLE CHURCH NEWS

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**Spirit Filled, Mission Driven**

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

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

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#### Newcomers and Visitors are WELCOME!

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

“As United Methodist Christians, we are called to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously, forming 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 and Upcoming Events



## ADVENT

Advent began on Sunday, November 30th. Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new church calendar and begins a four week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas.



## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

There will be a piano duet with Larry Gee and Nancy Clarke during the service.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be taking the decorations down on Sunday, January 4, 2025. If you would like to help, please contact Darcianne Leizer.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 5, 2025

Starting at 6:00 pm

Turkey dinner with a vegetarian option

The cost will be \$10.00 per person

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary



## PIANO CONCERT

Pianist: Larry Gee

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Kingsway Community,

500 Queen Philomena Blvd.

Schenectady, NY 12304

2:00 pm

There is no cost and everyone is welcome!





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## SUNDAY SHOOL



Sunday School is every Sunday during the 10:00 am worship service. 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](mailto:kimkeane04@gmail.com)

## COFFEE HOUR

We are having coffee hour in the back of the sanctuary and 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 own set of headphones or earbuds that you prefer, you can use them instead. At the end of the service please use the sanitizing wipes to wipe down the headphones and place them in the basket. We currently have 8 sets and will evaluate in the future if we need more. If you have questions, please see Kelly Visker.



## Christmas Poinsettias!

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



**Deadline is Sunday, December 7, 2025**

\$6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Red	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Marble
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## *Meals for the Homeless Shel-*

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?

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.

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





## From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

### The Star in the East

Centuries ago, prophets predicted, a Savior would come set us free,  
Time would pass and many would wonder, *Who could this Savior be?*

*Would He be of great strength? Would He be of great power?*

*When would this be? The time? The hour?*

Yet He did not arrive with power or might,  
He came humbly in silence, on a cold winter night.

A helpless babe, surrounded by danger,  
Protected by angels, in a small unknown manger.  
As He grew He would teach us, to live and to love,  
Our Perfect Example, our Gift from above.

Over two thousand years have passed since He arrived on this earth  
And we continue to celebrate the day of His birth.

For this special day, we plan and prepare,  
We rush and we hurry, with no time to spare.

We become overwhelmed, and can quickly lose sight,  
Of the miracle that happened, on that dark winter night.

Our Savior arrived, to save us from sin,  
Old lives were erased, so our new lives could begin.  
As the day winds down, after all gifts have been opened,  
And we've finished our Holiday feast,  
Let's pause for a moment, look up to the Heavens,  
And remember the *Star in the East*.

*Have a very merry and blessed Christmas,*  
*Dom Perfetti*





Welcome everyone to our Ministry of Healing. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We are entering the last month of the year, 2025. Many of you may have had many difficult experiences in this year 2025. Many of you may have had success, some failures, and some unable to complete plans as planned. But God knows our daily lives and He is our helper. Let us prepare for the birth of the Savior and for the coming of the New Year, 2026. Every one of us is praying for the new year. We have a promise from God. The prophet Jeremiah 29:11, says, "I know the plan I have for you, 1. Plan of welfare and not for evil, 2. To give you a future and hope." God has a good plan for us for the new year. Let's trust Him; and, He will provide and bless everyone of us.

We are in the mood for preparing the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. All around the world people send Christmas card. This is an evangelism of sharing the good news. The day when Jesus Christ was born the angels were spreading the good news as well. We all know the Lord Jesus was born in the manger in the town of Bethlehem. After he was born, the good news was first announced by an angel to shepherds nearby. Why God the Father selected the shepherds? There was a very unique reason, and he selected the shepherds to receive the good news. On the day Christ was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were keep watching over their flocks. The glory of the Lord shown all around them and they were filled fear. The script says this angel was angle Gabriel. The angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you. You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger." (Luke 8:12)

Traditionally the shepherds field was located in Beit Sahour a few miles east of Bethlehem. These shepherds were connected to the Temple of Jerusalem. They were special too and trained by priests to inspect the newly born lambs who were destined for sacrifice. They were shepherd priests, and they were watching flocks set aside for temple sacrifices possibly Passover lambs. The angel delivered a message by telling the Shepherds the animal sacrifices were going to be over. Because the Savior Christ, the Lord, had come to be the lamb and universal sacrifice for sin. After the shepherds received the good news of the birth of the Savior, immediately they believed it.

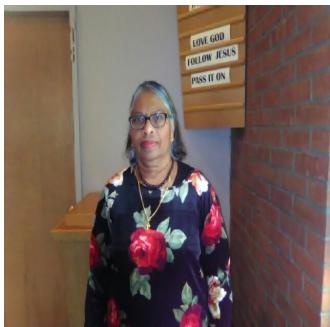


The angel made three announcements about the Savior, Christ and Lord, which meant Jesus' deity, authority, mission, and royalty. During the birth of Jesus, Caesar must respect the hailed as a Roman Emperor, Savior and Lord. The angel confirmed and announced that God is the true Savior and Lord. The shepherds understood all three titles of the Lord. The Heavenly army also singing, praising and celebrating Christ's birth. (Luke 2:13) The shepherds found the Holy baby wrapped in swaddling clothes just like the angel told them. Swaddling in Greek temple priest.



Some scholars say that Zaharias and his wife Elizabeth, Mary's cousins, gave swaddling clothes from the temple, when she visited them earlier in her pregnancy. (Luke 1:39-40) These clothes were prepared of animal skin after a ceremonial sacrifice. Swaddling clothes is symbolized as Jesus' holiness and God's plan for Him. He is going to be a perfect sacrifice for our sin. While the shepherds saw the swaddling clothes wrapping the Savior, they immediately understood the Savior. "The shepherds returned glorifying and praising and for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they been told. (Luke 2:20) Let us humble ourselves to the Savior just like the shepherds had done. Let us make a room for Him in our hearts and homes. Let us carry the good news to our relatives, neighbors and everyone else. Let us remember all the shepherds around the world in our prayers.

Let us take a moment for our prayer,  
Precious Savior, Lord Jesus Christ, You are our shepherd. Lead us and guide us every day as you like in our life. Teach us to learn faith and trust just like the shepherds. Bless us to celebrate Your birthday. We are glorifying and honoring Your name. We are praying for all the shepherds around the world. Fill them and their families with all your blessings. Lord be with all who serve for our nation. Men and woman who far way from home and help them to celebrate Christmas with special joy and peace. Keep them safe wherever they may be serving. In your precious name of Jesus Christ, we are praying. Amen.



Olive Ezekiel  
Minister For healing

## OUR HISTORY

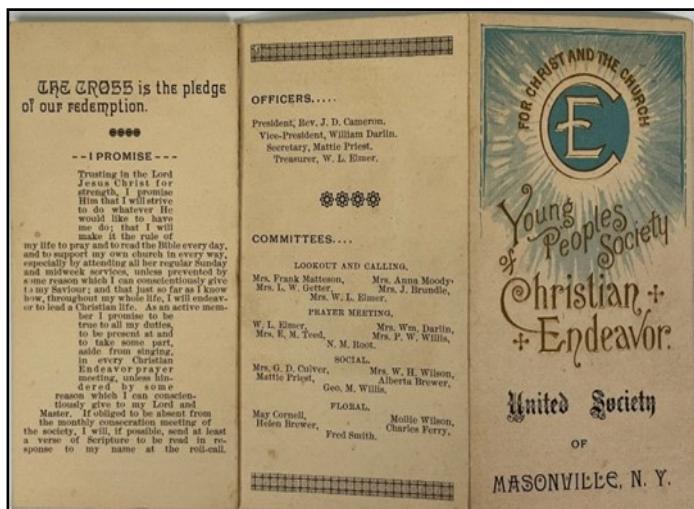


## Christian Endeavor

### The first Young People's Society

*The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor's* was first formed in Portland, Maine at Williston Congregational Church (actually in the parsonage parlor) on February 2, 1881 by its pastor Rev. Francis E. Clark to involve more of the young people in his congregation. **Children then had Sunday Schools while adults had Bible studies and worship services but there was nothing for young people to keep them in church.** This was the first Christian youth fellowship and was the start of a Youth Ministry Movement.

Rev. Clark had the young people sign a pledge to be active participants "for Christ and the Church." They ran their own committees and were involved in various worship activities. The Christian Endeavor society spread, especially after a newspaper article on it, to all the states of the United States and to other countries. By the year 1906 there were over four million members of Christian Endeavor around the world in over 67,000 societies.



Christian Endeavor United Society of Masonville, NY (Delaware Co., NY) with 11/1896 – 4/1897 organizational

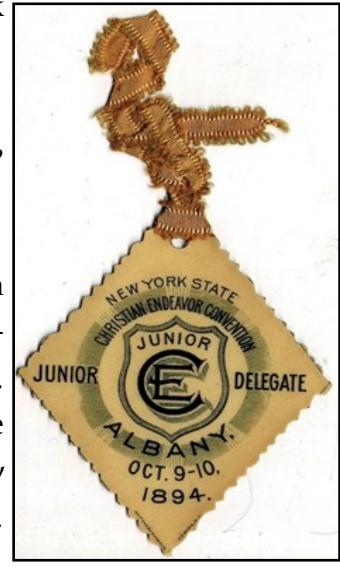
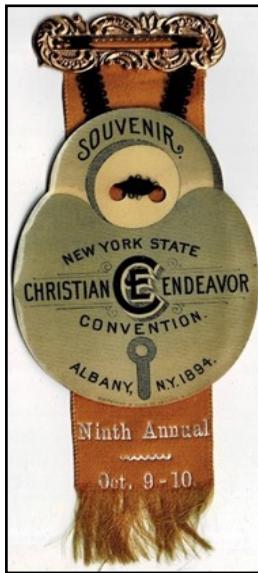
After World War I, C.E.'s numbers declined, partly as some denominations founded their own youth fellowships. However, Christian Endeavor is still active with one entity for societies in the United States and Canada and another entity (headquartered in Germany) for other societies worldwide.

While Christian Endeavor societies were initially formed in congregations of the **Methodist Episcopal Church**, this denomination was concerned that the "congregational" origins and independence of Christian Endeavor could undermine M.E.'s strong episcopal structure with authority over each church. So, the M.E. Church

formed its own youth organization in 1890, the **Epworth League** which was then recognized and adopted in 1892 by M.E.'s General Conference, including the provision that "the pastor shall have general supervision of the League."

However, Christian Endeavor societies remained in some of the Methodist churches that had started such societies before Epworth League was formed.

For example, in October **1894** when the New York State convention of Christian Endeavor was held in Albany in Harmanus Bleecker Hall, the sponsoring *Albany C. E. Union* included members from the **First, Trinity and Ash Grove Methodist churches of Albany**. [Ash Grove M.E. moved to the Pine Hills section in 1912 and became Calvary Methodist which later merged in 1994 with Calvary-St. Luke's to become Emmaus UMC, which church closed in 2023. First Methodist – after its property was taken for the Empire State Plaza – merged in 1963 with Trinity UMC, which closed in June 2025.] *The two 1894 C. E. ribbons shown were in Trinity's archives.*



An **Epworth League** chapter was referenced by 1895 in the Guilderland-McKownville charge and specifically at the **McKownville Methodist Episcopal Church** end of the charge by 1902. What became the **Guilderland Federated Church** was formed in **1920** from the Presbyterian *Hamilton Union Church* and the *Guilderland M. E. Church* (which latter had built in 1866 its *Mission on the east* at McKownville). As McKownville was not part of the new federation, it gained the ability to have Sunday service in the morning.

In July **1922** the **Christian Endeavor Society of Guilderland Federated Church** received a prize at a Binghamton convention for having the largest number of their members present in the state, outside of the host county (13 delegates, practically 50 per cent of the membership, with the society just one year old).



# Adult Forum



## Adult Forum's Monday Evening Advent Study for 2025

The December 2025 Advent study is Max Lucado's ***Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here*** with DVD presentations and discussion each week (and suggested thoughts for the week). All welcome to join in the sessions at the end of the hall at 7 p.m. on four Mondays in December.

### December 1 – session 1. God Has a Face (preparing for Christmas, making room for Christ)

**Scripture:** The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. John 1:14 MSG

**Focus:** "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### December 8 – session 2. Worship Works Wonders (worship as a way to prepare)

**Scripture:** Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ... For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. – Mary, the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:46-47, 49 NLT)

**Focus:** "Worship is the single most powerful force in completing and sustaining restoration in the whole person." – Dallas Willard in Renovation of the Heart.

### December 15 – session 3. God Guides the Wise (follow the light of Christ)

**Scripture:** The star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. - Matthew 2:9-19 NLT

**Focus:** "The wise men see new life as a promise and they bless it; Herod sees new life as threat and curses it." – Ronald Rotheiserz

### NO Meeting Monday, December 22

### December 29 – session 4. Every Heart a Manger (receiving God's love)

**Scripture:** For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 NLT)

**Focus:** "God didn't stay at a distance .... He took us seriously enough to come into our world as one of us." – N. T. Wright (For All God's Worth)

## 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."

### 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,
- Juices
- Mayonnaise (small jars)



#### Magazine Donations to Albany Medical Center

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





# DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>2</b> Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>3</b> Living Resources 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Upstairs)  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>4</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b>  Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm  Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	<b>5</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm  NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	<b>6</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate group meetings.)  NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am—11:30 am (Meet Upstairs)
<b>7</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b>  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  	<b>8</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>9</b> Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  <b>Finance Team</b> <b>5:30 pm—6:30 pm</b>  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>10</b> Living Resources 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Upstairs)  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>11</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b>  Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm  Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	<b>12</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm  NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	<b>13</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)
<b>14</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b>  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  	<b>15</b> Cub Scouts 6:15 pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>16</b> Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  <b>Leadership Council</b> <b>7:00 pm—8:00 pm</b>  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>17</b> Living Resources 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Upstairs)  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>18</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b>  <b>Sewing Guild (GSG)</b> <b>1:00 pm—3:00 pm</b>  <b>Faith Journey Group</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm  Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm	<b>19</b> The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm  NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm	<b>20</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.)
<b>21</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b>  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  	<b>22</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>23</b> Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  <b>Worship Team</b> <b>7:00—8:00 pm</b>  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>24</b> Living Resources 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Upstairs)  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)	<b>25</b> <b>Top of the Hill</b> <b>10:00 am—11:30 am</b>  Boy Scouts 6:45 pm—8:15 pm  Altamont Sobriety 7:00 pm—8:00 pm  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm  	<b>26</b> <b>Women Together</b> <b>1:30 pm-3:00pm</b>  The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:30 pm—6:30 pm  NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm  	<b>27</b> AA Meetings 8:00 am—9:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning)  
<b>28</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 am in the church and on Facebook</b>  <b>Trustees Team</b> <b>(Meet after Worship)</b>  GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:30 pm	<b>29</b> Cub Scouts 6:15pm—8:15 pm  <b>Adult Forum</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>30</b> Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm  Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm  AA Meeting 4:30 pm—5:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  AA Meeting 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Downstairs)  <b>Worship Team</b> <b>7:00 pm—8:00 pm</b>	<b>31</b> Living Resources 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Meet Upstairs)  GA Meeting 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (Meet Downstairs)  			



## DECEMBER DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
<i>December 7</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Pam Foelsch</i>
<i>December 14</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Frank D'Ambrosio</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Angela Stott</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Pat Beauregard</i>
<i>December 28</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 someone 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.**



*DECEMBER*  
*ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS*



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Terrence &amp; Barbara O'Neill



3	Colleen O'Brien
6	Barbara Cullen
6	Noah Dabel
7	Brian Reed
10	Mike Keane
12	Mark Staats
13	Wendy Fox
13	Jacqueline Guidarelli-Wu
14	Thomas Myers
14	Thyra Gilbert
19	Noreen VanDoren
21	Judith Lahart
21	Lucy Gee
25	Dorothy Ellinwood
27	Henry Walter



## 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.

# WORSHIP

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>

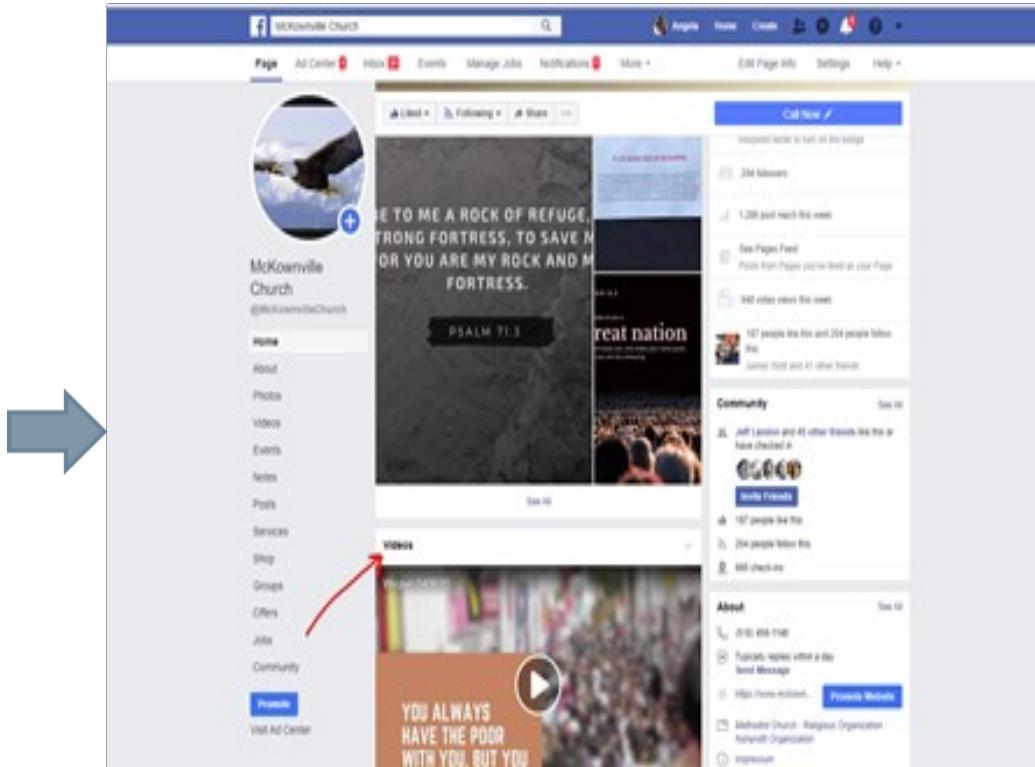
**Step 2:** On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:

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.**



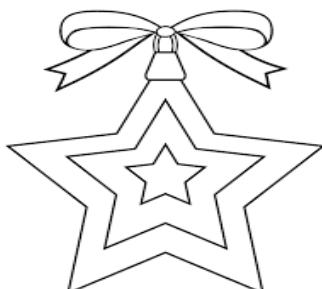
**Step 5:** Enjoy the Worship service.



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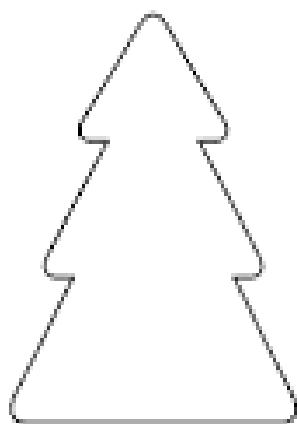


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