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Love God, Follow Jesus,

Articles for the March Newsletter are due by February 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



MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to prepare meals for the homeless shelter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have any question, please contact Noreen VanDoren at Norvandoren@yahoo.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 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.



THANK YOU

The church staff would like to thank the congregation for the Christmas gifts. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.



HEALTH KITS FOR UMCOR



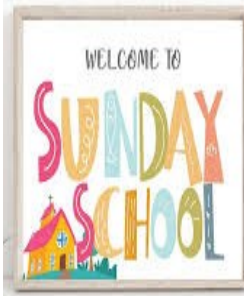
Again this year Women Together will assemble kits for use in emergency housing situations. Will you help us finance this project? We will be collecting money to purchase the kits' contents after church on February 22 and March 1. Thank you for



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SUNDAY SHOOL



Our unit for February is Love in Action. We will be learning how Jesus exemplified love through actions that included everyone, forgave freely, and put others first. This unit challenges common ideas of love and guides children through Jesus' teachings about true affection and kindness. True love acts courageously and selflessly, following Jesus' example to transform the world one heart at a time. Our Biblical foundation will be in the books of Matthew and John.

We continue to use a hands-on learning approach and will continue to serve our church community by cooking for 1 coffee hour this month!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane at: kimkeane04@gmail.com

"TOP OF THE HILL GANG"

The "Top-of-the-Hill Gang" welcomes new members. We meet each Friday morning 10:00am to noon in the rear of the sanctuary. As the name suggests, we tend to be the more mature (not "old") members of the church. There is no formal program, just a social time and easy discussion of whatever topic happens to come up. There are no strict requirements, but it is easier to attend if you are retired. Most current members are genuine geriatrics, and we wish to enlist some younger persons. If this palpitates your heart, give us a try. Starting January 2026, we will meet every Friday morning from 10:00am to noon. If you have questions, speak with Barbara or Paul Cullen, Nancy or Steve Clarke, Dorothy Ellinwood, Nan Pullen, or Henry Walter.

I'm not
old.
I've just been
young
for a
very
long time.



ANGEL WHO MOVED TO HEAVEN

- George Harold Stott—January 7, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

- Ashes will be given out at McKownville UMC from 10:00 pm until 3:00 pm or by appointment.
- If you would like to make an appointment, please call the church office at 518-456-1148.





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, February 18, 2026, starts Lent and should be the first day of your donations.

<u>Sunday</u>	<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 Pineapples	Box of Cereal	Cake Mix	Cooking Oil	Canned Chili	Canned Baked Beans
X	Canned Black Beans	Brownie Mix	Canned Stew (Dinty Moore)	Canned Peaches	Canned Mixed Vegetables	Box of Tea
X	Jar of Juice	Canned Fruit Cocktail	Pancake Mix	Bag of Coffee	Canned Creamed Soup	Canned Baked Beans

Worship Services

Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2026
First Sunday of Lent	February 22, 2026
Palm Sunday	March 29, 2026
Holy Thursday	April 2, 2026
Good Friday	April 3, 2026
Easter Sunday	April 5, 2026



From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

Follow Me...And Don't Slow Down!!

Have you ever ridden on a "Powercat?" If you're not familiar with them, it's a small, two-seater catamaran powered by an outboard motor. Not too long ago, my wife and I signed up for a guided tour that would take us through a number of waterways off the coast of Florida. Rentals were available for some ocean "fun." (*Hmmm!?!?*)

Well, this particular day we were the only ones scheduled to go, so the tour guide took a little latitude to "gun it" through the inlets. What my wife and I quickly discovered was that 1) We had to follow him closely to stay in the wake he created for us and 2) Don't slow down! Slowing down would get us stuck in the low spots or be tossed wildly in every direction from the waves and wakes of other boats, all of them being much larger than ours.

All said and done, we made it back to shore safely, but not without some lessons learned. About halfway through the trip, I couldn't help but compare how the focus and mindset we needed to safely stay on course on the water was so similar to how we need to approach our daily walk with our Lord Jesus. *Follow me! And don't slow down!! That was it!* Staying close to the Lord and keeping our eyes fixed on Him will keep us from "getting stuck" or "thrown off course" by the many distractions we encounter each day. And when the curve balls and unexpected winds of change come our way, we need to keep moving forward and never let the turbulence of the world around us slow us down.

As we're still early in the New Year, it may be a good time to recommit ourselves to Jesus, to walk with Him each day, and not be swayed or tossed by the commotion and confusion that so often surrounds us. Focusing on the Jesus will bring us closer to Him and help avoid the distractions that bombard us like rough waves on the sea. And whether or not we see the "waves" coming, ***we need to keep our eyes on the Lord, keep moving forward and don't slow down!*** Unexpected challenges will inevitably come our way, and that's the time for us to bear down, keep our eyes, minds and hearts keenly focused on Jesus, and drive forward following in His path.

Dear Lord we pray – As we begin another New Year, we pray that we can increase our focus on You each day. Help us to always stay on the path that leads to You and give the strength and courage to continually move forward, following the only path that will lead us to eternal life. As we navigate through new challenges and changes, we know that You are our steady Rock. Be with us in our journey to walk closer to You in this New Year.

*Have a Holy and Happy New Year,
Dom Perfetti*

A "Powercat" ➡





Healing Ministry



Welcome, everyone to our Ministry of Healing....

Let us give our thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ for the blessing for our New Year 2026. This a new month and let us trust Him and He will be with us and bless us.



I am inviting all of you to join me and meditate on the healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ. So many people may be sick and waiting to be healed. So many people got healed by the Lord Jesus and they give Him thanks with witness. The Gospel of John and the Chapter 9:1-41, speaks about a born blind man who was a born blind and was also a beggar. (The blind man may be in the south part of the Jerusalem near the city of David and the Kings garden). In John 9:1, The Lord Jesus saw this man. Jesus spit on near the ground and made a mud-like paste with

His saliva. He then applied it to both of the blind man's eyes and told him, "Wash in the Pool of Siloam." (John 9:7). So the man went and washed his face and got his eyesight. After he was healed and got his eyesight he faced many trials and trials.

He went home and his neighbors saw that he got his eyesight. They were not happy about his healing, but they started to investigate. Some were saying, "It is he, others saying, "No, but it is someone like him." (John 9:9). He kept saying, "I am he." Then the man gave witness on how he was healed by Jesus and got his eyesight. This day was also the Sabbath. The neighbors were Jewish and they took him to the Pharisees. This is another trial for the man who got the healing. (John 9:13-15) The Pharisees were also asking him over and over how he was healed and who was the healer that healed him? The man gave again his witness from the beginning to the end. The Pharisees were suspicious that someone who was a sinner could be healed. The man told exactly how he got his healing. He also catches the Pharisees at their own words and their traditional religious rules. (John 9:30-33) He said to the Pharisees, "You do not know where he came from? Can anyone open the eyes of a born blind man? If this man did not come from God, He could do nothing." The Pharisees got upset and threw him out because he has functioned more like a religious teacher.



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After healing and giving witness it is a struggle even today. Many people may not understand or believe; but, I had the same experience after the Lord used me for the sick and prayed for their healing. They were healed by our Lord Jesus, but many looked at me and criticized me and my faith. But I trust the Lord and He will heal anyone who needs His healing.

Let us focus the blind man who got healed. The Lord Jesus heard that he was thrown out. He met this man and asked him, "Do you believe in the son of God?" The man asked, "Who is He, Sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in Him." Jesus said, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is He." When the Lord Jesus speaks this way, He is making a direct connection and communication with His divine Name. "I am who I am (Exo3:14). Immediately, the man worshiped the Lord Jesus. Let us also trust the Lord Jesus and His healing power.

Let us pray: Dear Lord Jesus, we submit ourselves into your healing power. Pour out Your healing presence on us and in our lives. Bless us and our families. We submit those who were born blind or those who lost their eyesight, lay Thy mighty hands on them and heal them and let them receive their eyesight. Bless them to have all your blessings. We pray in your precious name, Amen.



Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing

2020/2024 General Conference Enables Regional Conferences and Anti-Racism



Proposed amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church were approved by the 2020/2024 General Conference and were voted upon by the members of annual conferences with a required aggregate two-thirds approval to pass. It was announced November 5, 2025 that the amendments had reached the required votes to be approved.

Approved changes to Central Conferences: Part of the proposals were to change overseas central conferences into regional conferences for the work of the worldwide church (with only geographical division as the basis for regional conferences). Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops, notes: *“Regionalization is a pathway to make manifest the world-wide nature of The United Methodist Church. It will expand the Church’s witness, embrace the cultural diversity, strengthen the connection and empower each missional context.”* **The United States will move from its dominant position in the worldwide church to being a co-equal partner with the other regional conferences.**

It is unknown whether the five regional jurisdictions in the United States (currently between the episcopal areas and the new regional U.S. conference) will remain. An *episcopal area* is presided over by a resident bishop and typically encompasses one or more annual conferences. *Susquehanna-Upper New York* since 2024 is an episcopal area composed of Susquehanna Conference (part of Pennsylvania) and Upper New York Conference.

Central Conferences which include many Methodists of color are reminiscent of the former **Central Jurisdiction** in the United States which from 1939 to 1968 segregated many blacks in the United States by placing white conferences in five regional jurisdictions while placing nineteen black conferences in a “central” jurisdiction which over-lapped with the regional conferences.

Central Conferences were first established in the Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC) in Asia (India in 1885, and China in 1897), then in Europe (1908), and in Africa and Latin America in the 1920s. (MEC, MEC-South, and MP merged in 1968 to become UMC.) **Some annual conferences outside the United States became or were made autonomous, such as throughout Latin America and all of Asia except for the Philippines.**

The United Methodist Church now has nine regional conferences, as follows:

In Africa (in 2025, twenty-six countries involved): *East Africa* (2 episcopal areas), *Mid Africa* (5 episcopal areas), *Southern Africa* (4 episcopal areas), *West Africa* (3 episcopal areas)

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In Asia: *Philippines* (3 episcopal areas)

In Europe: *Central and Southern Europe* (1 episcopal area; fifteen countries), *Germany* (1 episcopal area), *Nordic-Baltic-Ukraine* (1 episcopal area; fourteen countries)

n North America: *United States* – The inaugural meeting of the U. S. Regional Conference will take place in late 2028 or early 2029.

Regional conferences will legislate for their region and elect their own bishops. Such regional work would include establishing and publishing a regional Discipline with legislation and provisions pertaining to the regional, annual, district, and charge conferences within its boundaries, as well as a regional Hymnal. Regions could thus differ in some requirements and provisions, while the General Conferences would continue to have oversight in accordance with the Constitution of The United Methodist Church.

New anti-racism provisions – The complete revision of the UMC constitution's Paragraph 5, Article V also strengthens the denomination's longtime stance for racial justice. Voters around the globe supported that amendment 33,875-2,989, a 91.9% majority. See <https://www.gcorr.org/article-v> for more commentary on the article.

As amended, the article now reads: **"The United Methodist Church proclaims that from God's goodness and love, God created all persons as God's unique and beloved children. Racism opposes God's law, goodness and love and diminishes the image of God in each person. Fueled by white privilege, white supremacy and colonialism, the sin of racism has been a destructive scourge on global society and throughout the history of The United Methodist Church. It continues to destroy our communities, harm persons, obstruct unity and undermine God's work in this world. Racism must be eradicated. Therefore, The United Methodist Church commits to confronting and eliminating all forms of racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege and white supremacy, in every facet of its life and in society at large."**

The Rev. Giovanni Arroyo, top executive of The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race, stated about Article V: *"It commits the denomination to eradicate racism in all its forms, dismantle systems of privilege and oppression, and lead transformation within both the Church and society through education, advocacy, and accountability. It positions the Church to live out its mission as a diverse and inclusive body that reflects the kin-dom of God — a community where all people are valued, loved, and free to flourish."*

So be it. - Nancy Rutenber, McKownville UMC Lay Leader (& Historian)

**ADULT
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Adult Forum (meeting non-holiday Mondays at 7 p.m. down the hall) will have a mix of topics in February. First, the four-part series on Tony Evan's **Watch Your Tongue: Understanding the Power of the Tongue** concludes February 2 with "*The Wreckage of Your Words.*"

February 9 the group will discuss Jean-Pierre Isbouts' *The Journeys of Abraham* from the Great Courses' **The History and Archaeology of the Bible**. Abraham was a wandering immigrant who came with his father and family from Ur in southern Mesopotamia (near the Persian Gulf) to Harran in northern Mesopotamia (near the current border of Turkey and Syria) and later with his own extended family south to Canaan.

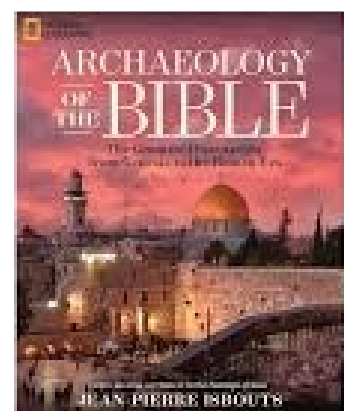
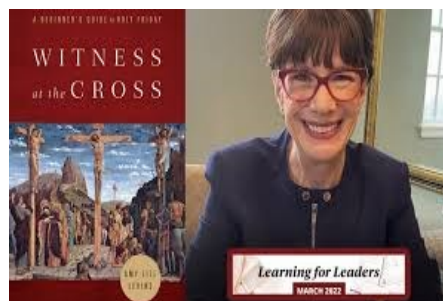
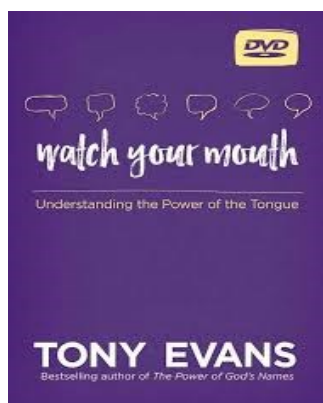
The discussion will include the strifes that were present in this group of sojourners and their cultural and religious consequences then and now.

The group will NOT meet on Monday, February 16 Presidents Day.

February 23 the group will start its Lenten study on Amy-Jill Levine's **Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday**. A.J. Levine is a Jewish scholar on the New Testament and provides special insights and some hard questions to consider.

The Lenten sessions are February 23 *Bystanders and Scoffers*, March 2 *The Other Victims*, March 9 *The Soldiers*, March 16 *The Beloved Disciple*, March 23 *The Women*, and March 30 *Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus*. (Palm Sunday on March 29 begins Holy week.)

New folks are invited to come. Sample some or all of the offerings this month.



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

Food Donations for the Guilderland Food Pantry

- Pancake Mix
- Juice (Plastic Jugs)
- Stew (Canned)
- Fruit Cocktail (Canned)



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

Magazine Donations to Albany Medical Center



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



FEBRUARY 2026



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



JANUARY DUTIES



<u>DATES</u>	<u>USHERS/GREETERS</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>
<i>February 1</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Kelly Visker</i>
<i>February 8</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Ashley & Anna Weil</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Clisman Jimenez</i>
<i>February 22</i>	<i>Persons Needed</i>	<i>Pamela Foelech</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.



FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

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ANNIVERSARIES

<u><i>DATE</i></u>	<u><i>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</i></u>
	No anniversaries this month



FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS

<u><i>DATE</i></u>	<u><i>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</i></u>
2	David Hunt
6	Landon Bates
12	Solomon Hunt
14	Adrianna DeVall
26	J. Donald Smith
26	Beatrice Dolgnice



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>

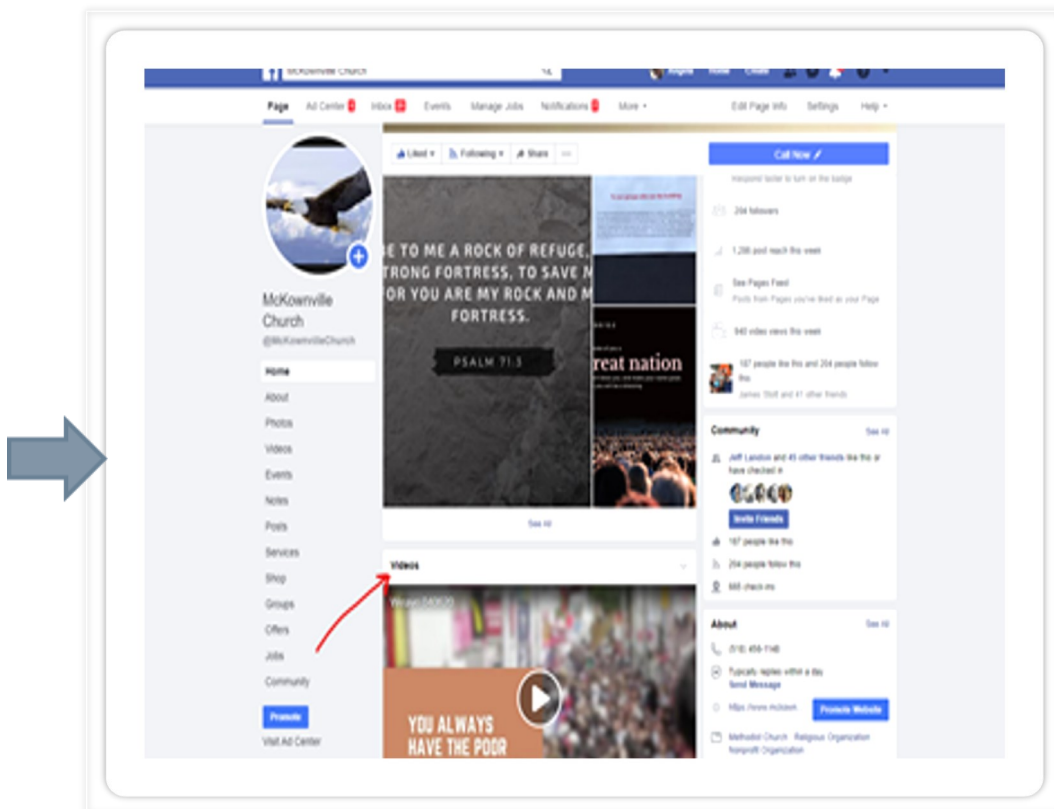
Step 2: On the bottom of the home page you will see the following Facebook link:

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.**



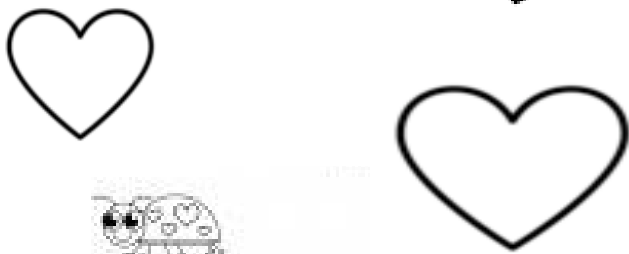
Step 5: Enjoy the Worship service.



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