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Welcome!

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

Let all that you do be done in love. | 1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements

ANGELS WHO GOT THEIR WINGS

- Ildra A. Morse received her wings on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.
- Doug Arnott received his wings on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.
- Marilyn Johnston received her wings on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

ADULT FORUM

- The Adult Forum plans to restart on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the Adult Forum classroom at the left end of the hallway..
- If you have any questions, please contact Kim Keane or Nancy Rutenber.
- Everyone is welcome to join us!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

- Sunday, September 20, 2026
- Join us for a luncheon after worship service.
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Sunday School Registration: Sunday school starts on September 13th for children from pre-K through middle school. High school students are welcome to attend as helpers for the younger children or remain in the church service.
- First Unit Details: Our first unit will be "The Armor of God." This 6-week unit, based on Ephesians 6:10-18, will teach the children about God's armor and its practical application in their daily lives.
- Community Service: We will also continue to serve our church community monthly by assisting with coffee hour snacks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Brooks Chicken BBQ: Saturday, September 26, 2026
- Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser: Entire month of October

Upcoming Events and Important Announcements

"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. We 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.

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 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 questions, please see Kelly Visker.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

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FALL FUNdraiser

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

DATE:
Thursday, September 17, 2026

TIME:
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION:
Christ the King Church Gymnasium
20 Sumter Ave., Guilderland

JOIN US!

Join us for an evening of FUN, food, music, games, raffles and more!

FEATURING:

- DJ & Photo Booth by Overtime Events
- Food catered by Maisie's Events
- Bar service by 2Shea Catering
- Emcee - Amber Fisher, Channel 10 news reporter

Guilderland Food Pantry

TICKETS: On sale August 1st - $30 per person

All ticket sales directly support the pantry's mission to end food insecurity in the Guilderland community.

www.guilderlandfoodpantry.com

BROOKS CHICKEN BBQ

McKownville United Methodist Church
Saturday, September 26, 2026

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2026

TIME: 2:00 PM - Until Sold Out

LOCATION: 1565 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

PHONE: 518-456-1148

DINNERS INCLUDE:

- Half Chicken
- Baked Potato
- Coleslaw
- Dinner Roll

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:

Cash

Check

Credit Card

Debit Card

PRICES:

COMPLETE DINNER: $15

HALF CHICKEN ONLY: $12

GREAT CHICKEN. GREAT CAUSE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH!

McKownville United Methodist Church

ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH Fundraiser

DAILY HOURS

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:00 am - 7:00 pm	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:

Cash • Check • Credit or 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 trucker who delivers them.

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Albany, NY 12203

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Thank you for your support!

From the Desk of Dom Perfetti...

Hit Pause!!

Television is still one of our greatest sources of entertainment. If you're reading this and remember the old style "cathode ray tube" TV's, you can relate, and if not, feel fortunate that technology has come such a long way! For example, I'm sure many of us can remember watching TV's that did not have a remote control. *Can you imagine??* Remember when ***we*** were the actual remote controls?? Our parents would have us stand by the television changing the channels while mom or dad would direct us from the sofa?? *(Maybe that was the original version of "voice control" remote??*)

But on a more serious note, TV technology has come a long way and has made our lives more convenient. Speed is key as we surf through channels and apps, and we also have the ability to hit pause when needed. The "pause" feature allows us to freeze the show and take a break. Whether we want to stop and recap what happened, get a bite to eat, a bathroom break, or just put it on hold, it comes in handy.

Taking a pause can factor into many aspects of our lives, with the most important being to *hit pause* when we feel things about to spin out of control We don't have to carry a remote with us, because we have the ability to simply stop, pause for a moment, and connect with our Lord Jesus. Taking just a few moments to pray to Jesus can make all the difference in the world. Our days can often overwhelm us with decisions and unexpected events, and these are the times when we need to "hit pause," call on the Lord and have His peace, love and guidance calm us and reset our direction. Jesus is there for us; we just need to *hit pause* and invite Him into every situation in our lives.

Dear Lord we pray – Help us to always turn to you first in everything we do in our lives. We can easily become overwhelmed with the busyness of the world, and often forget to pause, look upward to You, and pray for Your guidance. Knowing Your Holy Spirit is with us in all we do brings us the peace, comfort and confidence we need to face all of life's situations.

Have a blessed month,
Dom Perfetti

Healing Ministry

Welcome everyone and I wish you all a good *Back to Sunday* worship gathering. Hope you all had a wonderful vacation with your families. Taking vacations refresh our bodies from work and other stresses. We are living in the busy world, and we need to have some special time set aside for vacation with our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us meditate how the women in the bible took time for our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day of the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus, early in the morning Mary Magdalene was standing outside of the tomb where Jesus' body was kept. In the gospel of Johan 20:10, it says that the disciples came and went back home except for Mary Magdalene who got freedom from evil spirits by the healing power of Jesus. After she was delivered from the evil spirits. she became a follower of Jesus. As per Johan20:11 she was standing outside of the tomb and crying. There were many followers of Jesus; and, among them including many women. The Lord Jesus did not treat woman as per his family culture but he treated them with dignity as they are worth and Mary Magdalene was one of them.

In the Gospel of Mark 5:24-34, it tells about a woman who was bleeding for twelve years. But when she was went and touched the robe of Jesus she received healing from her bleeding. Her action was not allowed as per the Leviticus 15:25-30 and as per the law given by God almighty. After her healing, Jesus asked, "Who touched my robe?" The woman fell to her knees in front of Jesus (Mark 5:32) and Jesus told her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well, go in peace your sufferings are over." The Lord Jesus never punished her as per the Law. Now the Lord Jesus giving her lifetime peace and the joy of the healing.

As per Johan 20:1, One early Sunday morning, while still it was dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and informed the disciples. They came to the tomb, but then they all went back home. She was crying and searching for the body of the Jesus. While she was standing someone was standing near her. (Joan 20:14). Her sorrow and grief blinded her eyes, "Mary", Jesus said (Johan 20:16). Immediately she recognizes Him. If the Lord Jesus will come in the second coming, and call our names, how many of us would recognize Him?" Mary Magdalene heartwarming example of her faith and her thankful life is our model. The Lord gave freedom and allowed her to stand under Jesus' cross.

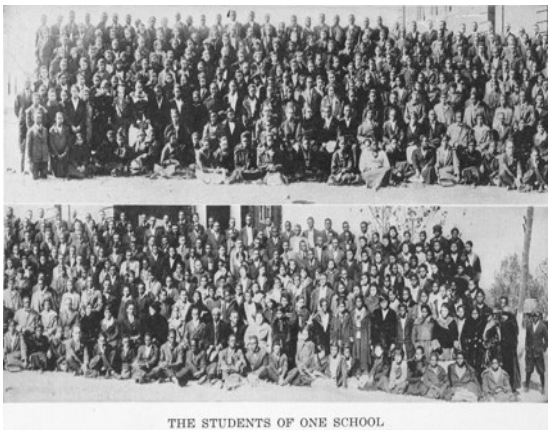
Healing Ministry

After His death, she intended to show her respect to His body. Her faith is a model for all women in our world. She was more eager to offer her faith, obey, and to understand everything. The Lord Jesus honored her to see the resurrected Jesus first. She ran to the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord." (Johan 20:18). She was the first messenger of good news of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Let us follow and focus on the Lord Jesus as a healer and the resurrected Christ. There are so many women who are not given respect or freedom around the world. They need our prayers to help them come out of their struggles and receive honor just like Mary Magdalene. Can we share our faith and our daily prayer for them.

Resurrected Lord Jesus, we are bringing all the women who are suffering with sickness, no freedom, no care, no dignity, and no support from their families. Lord Jesus stretch forth your nailed hands, touch them and comfort them, heal them, give them freedom, pour your joy, peace in them, and shower all the blessings on them. Lord strengthens them to go forward to focus their future with your guidance. Lord bless us and all our families also. In Your Holy name we ask you and pray. Amen. Amen.

Olive Ezekiel
Minister for Healing

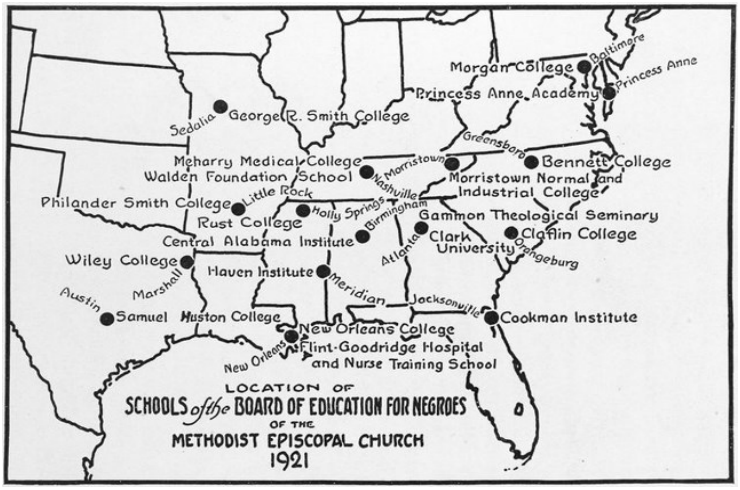
Methodist Schools for Blacks


THE STUDENTS OF ONE SCHOOL

The **Freemen's Aid Society** was formed in **1866** by the Methodist Episcopal Church "for the relief and education of the Freedmen." It cooperated early on with the *Woman's Home Missionary Society* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in establishing **Industrial Homes for Negro girls** in connection with various schools.

M.E.'s 1888 General Conference changed the Society's name to "**The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church**" until it went back to the original name in 1908.

In **1920** the name was changed to "**The Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church**." The *Board's schools in 1921* are mapped in this picture from M.E.C.'s 1923 World Service book. In those fifty years more than two hundred thousand pupils were educated in secondary and collegiate schools with over fifteen thousand graduating.



Mid-1920's schools for blacks are described and pictured in the **1922 Methodist Adventures in Negro Education** by Jay S. Stowell (history etc. of Negro schools, such as Cookman Institute, Wiley College, etc.) - which can be read at https://archive.org/details/methodistadventu0000stow and in the **1923 The World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church** - available at https://archive.org/details/bwb_S0-BVB-020.

Example of college evolution: Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (1875 – 1955), a Methodist laywoman, in **1904** started the *Daytona Beach Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls* in Florida (*see 1905 pic*) with $1.50 and five girls and faith. (Dr. Bethune founded in 1911 the *Mary McLeod Hospital and Training School for Nurses* which served African American women on the east coast.)

After the girls training school merged in **1923** with the 1872 *Cookman Institute of Jacksonville* (for boys) to form the *Daytona-Cookman Collegiate Institute*, it became in 1931 a historically black Methodist college and was renamed in 1941 **Bethune-Cookman College**, now Bethune-Cookman University.

In the 1920's the **Board of Home Missions and Church Extension** provided *rural institutes for Negro conferences*, where ministers and lay leaders were brought together for two or three weeks of study each summer at Wiley College, Morgan College, and Clark University. Also, the 1923 World Service book told there were to be added junior colleges and secondary schools to aid in the training of Negroes.

In **1972** the General Conference of The United Methodist Church established the **Black College Fund** to **support historically Black colleges and universities affiliated with the church**. Now administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Fund supports *Bennett College* (1873), Greensboro, NC; *Bethune-Cookman University* (1923), Daytona Beach, FL; *Claflin University* (1869), Orangeburg, SC; *Clark Atlanta University*, Atlanta, GA (1988 from 1865 Atlantic University & 1869 Clark College); *Dillard University* (1869), New Orleans, LA; *Huston-Tillotson University* (1875), Austin, TX; *Meharry Medical College* (1876); Nashville, TN; *Paine College* (1882), Augusta, GA; *Philander Smith College* (1877), Little Rock, AR; *Rust College* (1866), Holly Springs, MS; and *Wiley College* (1873), Marshall, TX. For more information on the Black College Fund, see **https://www.gbhem.org/education/bcf-for-schools/**.

The United Methodist Church also supports *Gammon Theological Seminary*, Atlanta, GA (formed 1883), now one of thirteen United Methodist schools of theology, and *Africa University* in Zimbabwe (founded 1988 and supported by the Africa University Fund).

Nancy Rutenber, Lay Leader and Church Historian

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum (meeting non-holiday Mondays at 7 p.m. down the hall) will start its 2026-2027 season on September 14, 2026 with **Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings***. This series will continue through October 26, 2026**.**

"Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44)."

"In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation."

The six sessions are:

September 14, 2026 – session 1. *Sell What You Own* (Mark 10:17-27)

September 21 – session 2. *Hate Father and Mother* (Luke 14:25-33)

September 28 – session 3. *Slave of All* (Mark 10:32-45)

October 5 – session 4. *Nowhere Among the Gentiles* (Matthew 10:5-7; Matthew 15:21-28)

[**NO meeting October 12 *Columbus Day*/*Indigenous People's Day***]

October 19 – session 5. *Outer Darkness* (Matthew 5:27-30; Luke 13:22-30; Matthew 18:23-35)

October 26 – session 6. *Your Father the Devil* (John 8:31-53)

New folks are invited to come as able. If questions, you can contact Kim Keane or Nancy Rutenber.

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

- Microwave Ravioli
- Microwave Ravioli
- Cereal (single serving size
- Instant oatmeal packet
- Thank you for your support
- Please make sure to check the expiration dates.

Magazine Donations to Albany Medical Center

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

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

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Acceptable & Unacceptable Food Pantry Guidelines

- ***Acceptable Items:***

  Non-perishable foods which include, but are not limited to:

  Canned Meat, Fish
  Vegetables, & Fruit
  Beans
  Pasta, Rice, Mac & Cheese
  Peanut Butter, Jelly
  Cereal, Oatmeal
  Pancake Mix, Muffin Mix
  Spaghetti Sauce
  Stuffing
  Juice
  Nuts
  Soup• Seasonal homegrown garden vegetables and fruit

We also accept Pet Food donations!!

- ***Unacceptable Items:***

  Any items with a Use By or Best By date that has expired *

  Home-made food and baked goods
  Items in glass containers
  Vitamins
  Medicine (such as OTC cough syrup, cough drops, Tylenol, etc.)
  Alcoholic beverages
  Bulk items (such as a 5 lb. bag of rice)
  Items that have been previously opened and/or damaged

* ***All donated items are verified by pantry staff to confirm expiration dates before being placed on shelves for giving. Items that have expired must be thrown in the trash and are extra work for volunteers. Please help us by checking "Best By / Use By" dates before donating to the pantry.***

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Important Dates for this Month: ***September 7th Labor Day*** ***September 11th Rosh Hashanah*** ***September 20th Back to Church Sunday*** ***September 22nd First Day of Fall***			**2** Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm (upstairs) NA Group 6:30 pm-8:30 pm (upstairs) GA Group 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs)	**3** Boy Scouts 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs) Altamont Sobriety (AA) 6:00 pm—8:00pm (upstairs)	**4** ***Top of the Hill 10:00 am—12:00 pm (sanctuary)*** The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:00 pm—7:00 pm (upstairs) NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:00 pm (downstairs)	**5** AA Meetings 6:300 am—10:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.) (upstairs & downstairs) NA ABCD Board Meeting 10:30 am– 11:30 am (upstairs)
6 ***Worship Service 10:00 am in the church and on Facebook*** ***Visuals Team 2:30 pm—3:30 pm (as needed)*** GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:00 pm (downstairs)	**7** Cub Scouts 5:30 pm—8:30 pm (upstairs & downstairs) ***Adult Forum 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (first floor)***	**8** Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm (upstairs) Al-Anon 12:00 pm—1:00 pm (downstairs) AA Meeting 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (downstairs)	**9** Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm (upstairs) NA Group 6:30 pm—8:30 pm (upstairs) GA Group 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs)	**10** Boy Scouts 6:00 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs) Altamont Sobriety (AA) 6:00 pm—8:00pm (upstairs)	**11** ***Top of the Hill 10:00 am—12:00 pm (sanctuary)*** The Happy Hour Hour (Part of AA) 5:00 pm—7:00 pm (upstairs) NA: Serenity Group 6:30 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs)	**12** AA Meetings 6:30 am—10:00 am (Two separate groups meet in the morning.) (upstairs & downstairs)
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27 **Worship Service** ***10:00 am in the church and on Facebook*** ***Trustees Team After the Service*** GA Meeting 6:00 pm—8:00 pm (downstairs)	***28*** Cub Scouts 5:30 pm—8:30 pm (upstairs & downstairs) ***Adult Forum 7:00 pm—8:00 pm (first floor)***	***29*** Living Resources 9:30 am—2:00 pm (upstairs) Al-Anon 12:00 pm-1:00 pm (downstairs) AA Meeting 4:30 pm– 6:30 pm (downstairs) ***Worship Team 7:00pm-8:00 pm)***	***30*** Living Resources 10:00 am—2:00 pm (upstairs) NA Group 6:30 pm8:30 pm (upstairs) GA Group 7:30 pm—8:30 pm (downstairs)			

SEPTEMBER DUTIES

DATES	WORSHIP LEADERS
September 6	Ashley Weil
September 13	Kelly Visker
September 20	Nancy Rhodes
September 27	Kristin Waters

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…

Lay Worship Leader Coordinator: Nancy Rutenber at (518) 456-0412

SEPTEMBER 2026

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

27	Paul & Patti Krekeler

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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	Second Tuesday at 5:30 pm
Leadership	Third Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Mission/Outreach Team	Fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm
Faith Journey Group	First Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Trustees Team	Fourth Sunday after Worship Service
Worship Team	Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Please Note the Following

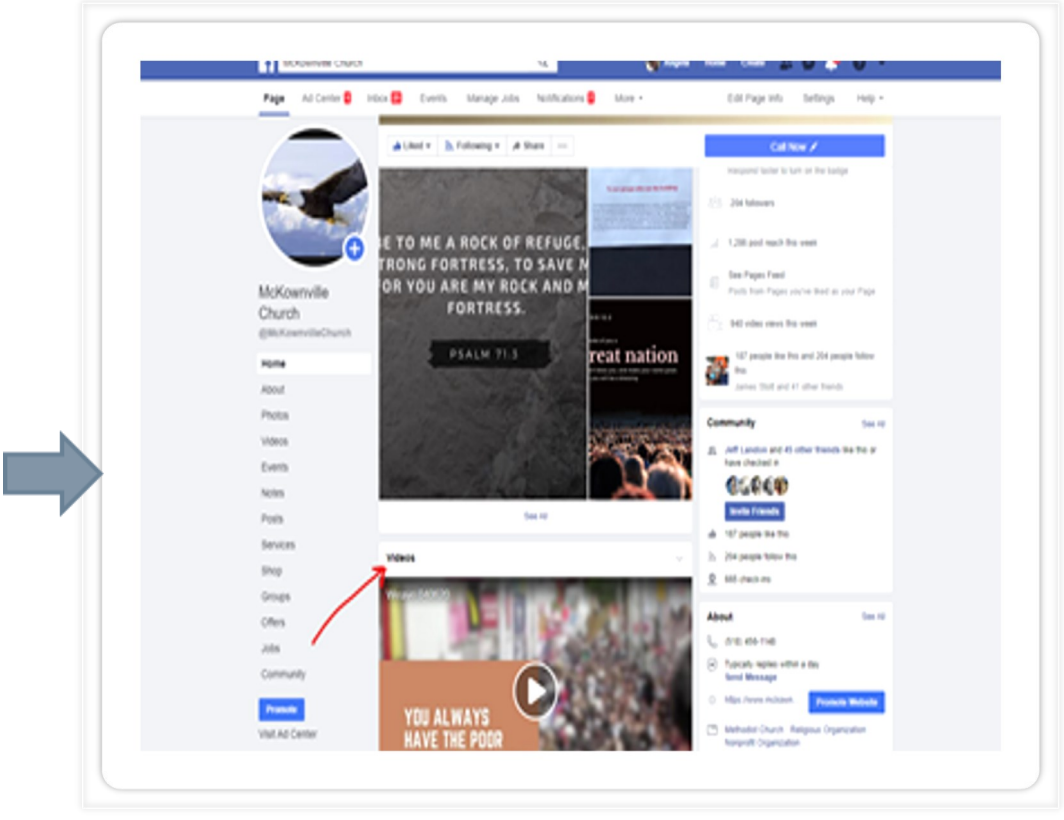
(Some of our monthly church meetings are being held using ZOOM)

- ***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).

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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